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BROOKLYN NAVY YARD'S "DRY DOCK" IS WET

Another Conspicuous Evidence Of The Advantages Of Portsmouth

According to the New York Tribune of Dec. 16 the contractors on the new dry dock at the navy yard there have been obliged to stop work for the fifth time. In its article it says:

"Considerable increase in the subsidence of earth on the western edge of the excavation for dry dock No. 4 in the navy yard in Brooklyn was apparent yesterday, and work in the big trench was stopped pending a consultation as to what should be done next.

"In the big trench water has been allowed to accumulate to the level of that outside, to form a head of pressure which will check any further flow of the soft material underlying it.

"Among civil engineers not connected with the work there are grave fears that the whole costly undertaking will have to be abandoned. It was pointed out yesterday by a man high up in the profession that geological formation precluded the possibility of building a dry dock there which would not be a constant source of trouble and expense to the government."

The day is not far distant when a live business man as secretary of the navy will ignore the whims of navy officers who want to be in the large cities and abandon the work of maintaining the experience plants at New York and Boston and take full advantage of the immense yard at Portsmouth. The full extent of the great possibilities here will be utilized—where the finest docks in the world can be had. Send the work to Portsmouth and order the officers to New York, Newport and Washington.

HE WANTS THE JOB

Charley Asay Will Flop Ward Five Unless There is Something Doing

Charles Granville Asay of Ward Five is again making known his political wants and is out for the position of sealer of weights and measures. Charles hunted this berth before but somebody worked a flank movement and side stepped him, finally letting him down with guardian of the ballot box on election day.

Charley is not struck on this position and wants bigger game. He says he is backed to a man in the ward committee and also has the good will of several of the leaders of the city committee. Asay will stand for no bluffs this season. He wants the position, or will begin to work night and day leading to a change in the political situation in the banner ward.

The place has been vacant several months through the resignation of Edwin W. Gray and it looks as if the city government has been looking for a good man and has been unable to find one until Asay appeared on the scene.

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KITTERY LETTER

Sea Captain's Long Record

A North Kittery Family Goes To Boston

New Hampshire State Grange Enjoyed In Maine

Churches to Have Union Meetings In Week Of Prayer

Kittery, Me., Dec. 17.

Sightseeing in and about Kittery has been in order by the visiting grangers and has been taken advantage of by a number. Extra cars are being run to accommodate the crowd.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Joyce have sold their farm, the old Wilson place at North Kittery, and returned to Boston to live.

The friends of Mr. Isaac Lambert will be sorry to know that he is very low at the Portsmouth Cottage Hospital, suffering from pneumonia and hemorrhages of the wound of appendicitis.

On Saturday evening there is to be a social dance in Grange Hall.

Miss Hattie Howe has secured employment in George B. French's store for the holidays.

St. Aspinquid Tribe of Red Men will hold their meeting in Grange Hall on Friday evening.

Try the Herald for all of the latest local news, delivered at your home for three months for one dollar.

On Friday evening in Odd Fellows' Hall Dirigo Encampment will hold the regular meeting.

The New Hampshire State Grange convention in Portsmouth has proven to be a grand reunion of members of families and friends. A number of grangers from Kittery have been renewing acquaintances and also enjoying the several meetings.

The chorus choir of young ladies of the Second Methodist church met last evening at the home of Mrs. Charles N. Philbrick for rehearsal.

The week of prayer will be observed with union meetings by the two churches in town.

Next Sunday evening at seven o'clock at the Second Christian church the Song and Story service, the "Shepherd Story", will be given by the pastor and choir.

Mr. George Philbrick of Manson avenue is reported to be quite ill at his home.

Miss May Brown is able to be out again after here illness.

Mr. George Dinsmore has started an oil wagon.

Mr. Fred Ford Locke is slowly improving but is not yet able to sit up.

The annual meeting of the so- society of the Second Christian church will be held on Thursday evening, Jan. 7, and notices have been posted to that effect.

A son has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Horace Philbrick of Lynn, Mass., formerly of this town.

Mr. Albert Gordon is in town for a few days on business from New Bedford.

Mr. Frank Conoyer has gone to work again at the yard after the injury to his eye.

Mrs. Frank Kuse entertained a party of friends on Wednesday afternoo at her home on Woodlawn avenue. Card playing was indulged in and a general good time enjoyed by all.

Kittery Point

Miss Anna Decatur as been visiting the family of Brigadier General James Forney, U. S. A., retired, in Philadelphia, summer residents of York Harbor.

Fred Roffey, our station master passed a successful examination under the civil service for entrance as a postal clerk. Today he was called and accepted a position in the Boston postoffice until after the holidays. Arthur C. Gunnison, formerly baggage master, will now fill the position as station master.

In "Shipping Illustrated" for Dec. 12 appears the following: "With the close of the season Capt. George Crockett of the schooner Emma W. Day, one of the oldest of Maine coaster captains, is said to have completed his 487th trip between Winterport and western ports." This record is surpassed, however, by that of Captain Zachariah Williams of Kittery Point who, when his schooner Mary Willey was lost on Cape Elizabeth three years ago, had made nearly 550 trips out of Bangor. Since then, the first disaster in his career, he has remained ashore.

Elmer Carter and Clara Howes were married last Wednesday. They are living with his father on the Bartlett road.

A Soulight dance will be held at Frisbee's Hall Christmas afternoon, from 2 to 6 p. m.

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EVENTS OF ELIOT

Nathaniel Staples Lot Is All Cleared of Wood

Shipping Some Of The Last Brick Of This Year's Make

Eliot, Me., Dec. 17.

The Nashua Lumber Company today shipped the last carload from the Nathaniel D. Staples timber and wood lot which the company has been four years in stripping. The lot has yielded about 2,000,000 feet of lumber and 4,000 cords of fuel wood. Much of the fuel was sold at the brickyards in Eliot and adjoining towns.

Joseph Tondreault on Wednesday shipped eight carloads of brick, the first rail shipment in several years. He was afraid of a freeze in the creek where he loads barges. The brick went to Chelsea, Mass., which has been the principal market this year for the nine North Eliot brickyards. The yards have had a good season.

Walter Hodgdon got his twentieth fox for this season on Wednesday.

The Endeavor Society will hold a social in the Congregational vestry on Friday evening.

Master Raymond Lacey is spending his Christmas vacation with his aunt, Mrs. William Littlefield, in Preston.

Charles W. Blaisdell relates that he is one of a party that got three foxes and helped a fourth in the snow of Tuesday. The others were Charles F. Tucker, George Green and Forrest Blaisdell. The party went back Wednesday getting out the fourth on the hill north of Rosemary.

The Eliot Crib Club met with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Robinson on Tuesday night.

C. Edward Bartlett, representative elect to the Maine legislature, returned home today from a meeting of the York county senators and representatives held at Saco. Senator Edward F. Goswell of Berwick was elected chairman and Representative George G. Emery of Sanford secretary. The county delegation will have an unusual amount of business this year, on account of the proposed moving of the county seat.

NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE GRANGE CLOSING DAY

Vote For Parcels Post And Trunk Line Improved State Roads

Ask Legislature For More Money For State Help To Rural Education

Memorial Services This Forenoon And Closing Session Is Held In The Afternoon

The closing session of the New Hampshire State Grange began at nine o'clock this forenoon.

The first business was a vote of instruction to local Granges to hold annual memorial observances.

Voted to continue the system for best working granges in each county's district.

Charles A. Wiggin of Ossipee, Pomona master, presented the good roads resolution printed in this report. It was adopted.

The session was suspended and the hall opened to a non-member, Judge W. B. Fellows of the state tax commission who explained the work of the commission and the recommendations. He was followed with remarks by State Master Hadley and secret work was resumed.

The finance and transportation committees reported.

It was voted to pay mileage to Grange lectures who attend the next State Grange session.

Eight hundred dollars was appropriated for the state lecturer's work.

Charles W. Barker of Exeter, overseer pro tempore, and the resolutions committee presented resolutions of thanks to Strawberry Bank Grange, the Merchants' Association and the Board of Trade of Portsmouth, the officials and citizens of Portsmouth, to Postmaster Conners, the local committees and bureau of information, the railroads, the Granges which exemplified degrees, for the courtesies extended in the way of opportunities to visit points of interest and to the daily press. The resolutions were adopted unanimously and enthusiastically.

Other resolutions from the committee, presented by Sidney A. Converse of Lyme, were adopted, which praise the master's address, approve the system of field meetings, and for the Grange to call on the state legislature for larger appropriations to be devoted to the equalizing of educational advantages.

The forenoon closed with a session of memorial to deceased members, conducted by Chaplain H. F. Hoyt of Etna. The closing session began at half-past one o'clock.

Subordinate Work Exemplified

Tuesday afternoon's session was at two o'clock and the first work was the exemplification of the work of the first degree, which was most ably done by the Gilman Grange, No. 1 of Exeter, the oldest in the state. The officers of this Grange, who did the work were:

Master—Stevens W. Perkins.
Overseer—Edgar D. Harriman.
Lecturer—Mrs. Winifred L. Perkins.
Steward—Omer S. Rowe.
Sesistant Steward—Gilbert E. French.
Chaplain—Elizabeth H. Bowker.
Treasurer—George L. Stokell, Jr.
Secretary—C. Charles Hayes.
Gatekeeper—S. Dustin Clark.
Ceres—Helen H. Brown.
Pomona—Bertha Lord.
Flora—Mrs Nettie C. Chase.
Lady Assistant Steward—Margaret G. Stokell.
Pianist—Harold C. Junkins.

This was followed by the exemplification of the third degree, and this was done by the Lamprey River officers.

They worked it in full form and it was remarkably well done the members of the team showing a great proficency in the drill and in the work. They were highly complimented by the State officers on their work. The officers of this Grange were:

Master—Mrs. Mary B. Mathes.
Overseer—Mrs. Edith M. Haines.
Lecturer—S. Cassell Durell.
Steward—Mrs. Estella M. Pinkham.
Assistant Steward—Rena E. Young.
Chaplain—Jennie M. Young.
Treasurer—Mrs. Abbie G. Griffin.
Secretary—Alice M. Mitchell.
Gatekeeper—Lena Conway.
Ceres—Cassell G. Stevens.
Pomona—Mrs. Flossie A. Kidder.
Flora—Mrs. Sarah A. Banks.
Lady Assistant Steward—Mrs. Etta P. Ham.
Pianist—Lottie M. Twombly.

Pomona Degree Worked

The fifth degree or Pomona degre was conferred by Governor Batchelder Pomona Grange, with the following officers.

Master—C. Waldo Phillips, Leavitts Hill.
Overseer—Dyer Smith, Raymond.
Lecturer—Ruth S. Henley, Raymond.
Steward—Chester Maynard, Deerfield.
Assistant Steward—Edward S. Henly, Raymond.
Chaplain—Rev. A. H. Thompson, Raymond.
Treasurer—Carl J. Whiting, Raymond.
Secretary—William H. Mould, Fremont.
Gatekeeper—Nara Dearborn, East Candia.
Ceres—Mrs. Helen I. Holt, Leavitt's Hill.
Pomona—Mrs. Adella Allen, Candia.
Flora—Mrs. Grace L. Whiting, Whiting.
Lady Assistant Steward—Mrs. Lizzie Harriman, Raymond.
Pianist—Mrs. E. W. Smith.

Wednesday Evening's Session

The evening session was given over entirely to the conferring of the sixth degree by the officers of the State Grange. There was a class of over three hundred, one of the largest that has been worked by the State Grange and the work was interesting and well done.

At intermission the Strawberry Bank Grange of this city acted the part of host, and furnished a box lunch and ice cream to everybody in the hall, nearly twelve hundred people being served. This was somewhat of a surprise as it was the first time that such a generous method had ever been undertaken, and the members were greatly pleased and voted Portsmouth a great entertainer. This lunch was arranged by the refreshment committee of which A. O. Benfield was chairman.

This concluded the work of the evening session and it was eleven o'clock before the last work had been finished and the crowd left the hall.

Special cars were in readiness for all of the surrounding towns, and about the city, so that every convenience for handling the crowd was ready.

Abstracts of Committee Reports

The committee on transportation in its report said in part: "New Hampshire has probably suffered about as much as any state in the Union from neglected highways. Probably the average granger hardly

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PEACE ON THE RIO GRANDE

There Used to Be an Inquest Every Monday Morning.

BAD MEN NOW EXTINCT

The Industrial Invasion Has Swept the Six-Shooters Aside and Acts of Lawlessness Now Rarely Take Place—Cowboy Hats and "Chaps" Even Have Been Abandoned.

Peace, sweet peace, has settled down upon the lower Rio Grande border region. In this section, which in former days was the hotbed of Mexican revolutionists and American smugglers and the scene year of desperate Mexican and American thieving outbreaks, the industrial invasion has swept the six-shooters aside and acts of lawlessness now rarely take place. No one is better able to appreciate the changed conditions than a Hidalgo correspondent of the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, than John [illegible] for the last sixteen years sheriff of Hidalgo county and for four years before his election as sheriff a deputy sheriff.

For twenty years sheriff [illegible] has been in close touch with the criminal element of the lower Rio Grande. The building of a railroad into this section ten years ago put a stop to the raids of the bad men, and since then there have been but two cases of court [illegible] in this county. There has not been a criminal case on the docket for more than a year. Alfalfa fields and irrigation farms now cover the [illegible] formerly a cactus covered desert and the hiding place for bandits.

"I remember one [illegible] years ago," said Mr. Chenoweth, "when there was an inquest every Monday morning for the dead [illegible]. The inquests were not the results of accidents, although there were [illegible] not in the pockets of the victims of [illegible] fice may have been [illegible] There hasn't been a killing for four or five years, and not an absolute murder for many years."

Cowboy dress has not been [illegible] for one would expect in a country that had been a theatre of [illegible] years. Some people of Mexican descent [illegible] colored with [illegible] from plentiful [illegible] the cowboy hat and leather [illegible] have been abandoned in [illegible] The Sheriff of Hidalgo would be [illegible] on for a bank robbery [illegible] sheet.

"No, I never [illegible] Bill," said [illegible] once, in 1896, I did [illegible] I had to kill or get killed. It was when Pancho Villa and a band of Mexican outlaws were [illegible] terrorizing the [illegible] by the robbers [illegible] whose [illegible] women. [illegible] two men and [illegible] where [illegible] same [illegible] in all [illegible] seven [illegible] quite [illegible] Bend of the [illegible] horses [illegible] and [illegible]

"We [illegible] Gavin said to [illegible] is what you're not, but [illegible] thing we are going to [illegible] going to Hidalgo and [illegible] and his deputy and [illegible] has given it away.'

"Leaving the [illegible] his remarks [illegible] where he had [illegible] When he looked [illegible] was covered with [illegible] day and compressed [illegible] Deputies [illegible] he started to run [illegible] filled him with [illegible] bullets.

"Pancho Garcia [illegible] all who made an [illegible] the chief of police of [illegible] power, the leader [illegible] bits in a [illegible] town. While [illegible] went to the [illegible] scene appeared at [illegible] three [illegible] chief of police [illegible] and put some [illegible] got a chance at him.

"It was [illegible] all who [illegible] secret that [illegible] through that part of [illegible] had made [illegible] land. Said he [illegible] and [illegible] literally [illegible] who [illegible] force [illegible] July [illegible] taken out and literally cut to pieces and buried."

Alcohol.

There is no such thing as alcohol to be found in what may be called normal nature. Alcohol is the result of "fermented" (or rotted) nature. The possibilities of alcohol exist in a thousand things but men do not get drunk on "possibilities." They get drunk on the actual alcohol which they get from rotting fruit and wholesome nature that God made.

GOES THROUGH A MOUNTAIN.

Colorado School Teacher's Route on Stormy Days.

Getting to and from school in some parts of this country isn't as easy as in New York. There is a teacher in Colorado who on stormy days makes the trip through a mountain, travelling nearly four miles underground before she reaches the school.

This teacher's name is [illegible] teaches [illegible] of a mountain near Idaho Springs, Colo. Idaho Springs is a [illegible] for that part of the country [illegible] and many [illegible]

The [illegible] of the State provide [illegible] there are ten children [illegible] be some sort of school. [illegible] of the mountain [illegible] of miners live [illegible] the [illegible]

The [illegible] mouth of it is [illegible] To the [illegible] driver who is [illegible] the New York [illegible] of the mountain [illegible] for [illegible] propelled [illegible] the mine and the school teacher [illegible] in the mountain.

It is [illegible] half a mile [illegible] Idaho Springs where the teacher of the school lives [illegible] of the mountain where her school is. It isn't a bad ride in good weather for a miner to sit and ride in the saddle, but it's hard in winter.

From the opening of the tunnel the car goes for a mile into one of the little streams at the foot of the mountain whenever the weather is bad. The car then takes her into the mountain about three miles. When she arrives at top of the mines, the car transfer to a bucket and is lowered on a shaft 2,100 feet.

When she gets out of the shaft she is on top of the mountain, fifty feet from her school house. It takes her about an hour to make the trip. The school has fourteen pupils and they never know whether their teacher is coming up from the bowels of the earth or over the mountain.

A Gigantic Joke.

The love of animals is deeply implanted in the Marger character, and most of the peasant farmers of Hungary own valuable horses and herds of live stock. They are well to do, although they live in a primitive manner. Have a keen sense of humor, and are ready to make trouble to get the laugh on some one else. In "The Whirlpool of Europe" is a story told of one of the Marger farmers.

A typical peasant farmer, a man of no wealth to wealth, who well knew for his adherence to old ideas and customs. On one occasion, a young farmer, new to the district, who had taken a small holding not far from that of the old man, proudly [illegible] shedding some leading spirits [illegible] the cost on the sides of his property and said, "Uncle, what do you [illegible] in the mountain?"

The [illegible] of a shabby [illegible] in rock his long pipe out of his [illegible] and replied gravely.

"Well, you can [illegible] the mountain and look after some of [illegible] Bring any of your [illegible] to graze on my farm."

Great [illegible] and with [illegible]

The next day, as the young farmer was [illegible] the field, he saw a cloud of dust coming up the road. Presently he emerged from it a herd of cows, horses and sheep [illegible] of animals with their [illegible] The cavalcade swept past the astonished man. Behind it came a large wagon creaking and groaning, filled with heavy furniture, to the front of which sat his cheerful acquaintance of the day before.

"You told me to bring my [illegible] and lot of things," said the old man, "and here we are."

The Airbrake.

The airbrake was adopted into [illegible] the most dramatic fashion. The trial took place on a train [illegible] The train selected was the [illegible] on the road for running between Pittsburg and Beaver Falls.

[illegible] the train was going at full speed suddenly as it came around a sharp curve the engineer saw a [illegible] in the middle of the track ahead. With only [illegible] he could have prevented a terrible smashup. The [illegible] the trial of the airbrake had [illegible] and in desperation [illegible] that the chance could [illegible] the engineer threw [illegible] and did it well.

The airbrake in those days [illegible] complicated [illegible] the track of the [illegible] which they saw the engine fairly pulling [illegible] into the wagon [illegible] memory had been the cause [illegible] safety and disaster, they forgot all about their shock and cool in award others. The airbrake had come into its own.

Maroon.

The word "maroon" is from the verb "maroon," to "set a person on an inhospitable shore and leave him there," a practice that was common among the pirates of the Spanish Main. The word is a corruption of "Cimarron," meaning anything wild, rude, whether man or beast.

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SHE WAS CALLED "POOR THING"

Had a Way of Sitting Steadily at Her Work, Listening.

Pity is certainly a kindly sentiment; it [illegible] so bestowed as to cast a doubt upon its right to a place among the virtues. There was an objective [illegible] of East Hentley who, if words were all, was beyond doubt the most tender-hearted person in the village. Indeed, her favorite expression of compassion had finally passed into a nickname for herself. She was known behind her back as "Poor Thing."

Poor Thing was [illegible] of a [illegible]. She had a way of sitting [illegible] over her work, [illegible] with a mouth full of pins, [illegible] to what other people had to say. Only at the end of the [illegible] would she [illegible] enough to contribute [illegible] but the [illegible]

[illegible] "Poor Thing," [illegible] pitiful [illegible] dress. She couldn't take [illegible] for her children [illegible] forlorngnities, [illegible] "Poor Thing's [illegible]."

On the bearer of some [illegible] poor girl would have [illegible] a [illegible] of [illegible]

"She's real portsmouthy [illegible] "She's [illegible] [illegible] never been their [illegible] a few [illegible] "Well, for right [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

And, the property of a [illegible] [illegible] was [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible]

"Poor [illegible] "Handy good [illegible] the world agrees, [illegible] "Don't [illegible] Gay've [illegible] [illegible] of it. I never knew such folks for [illegible]. There isn't any [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Gay back, but they [illegible] [illegible] I [illegible] you they [illegible] children [illegible] [illegible] I [illegible] [illegible] would [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] poor thing."

[illegible] This was a good [illegible] [illegible] popular with [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

INDIANAPOLIS NEWS' COMMENT.

President's Torrent of Invective Is Not Justified.

A SACRIFICE OF DIGNITY.

No Explanation or Answer to Rumors Touching the Panama Transaction Shown In Denunciation and Bitterness of Speech In Message of Chief Executive—Points Not Cleared Up by Threats of Suits.

Indianapolis, Dec. 17.—The Indianapolis News, mentioned in the special message on the Panama canal deal, sent to congress by President Roosevelt, has issued a reply to the chief executive. It says:

"It is difficult to characterize fully the latest outbreak of the president without resorting to the use of language as undignified and blameworthy as that which put the president's utterance in a class by itself in the official literature of the high office he holds.

"Whatever provocation Mr. Roosevelt may have felt pricking his soul nothing could justify or much less extenuate the torrent of invective and virulence which he poured out in a state paper upon the head of private citizens. No one in his sober senses can fail to regard the performance as a grave derogation to the dignity of the presidential station, a pitiable exhibition of towering rage on the part of the chief magistrate and the source of humiliation and chagrin to the entire country.

"It is quite impossible to think of any of Mr. Roosevelt's long line of distinguished predecessors that could possibly have so forgotten the dignities and decencies of his exalted position as to transmit to congress a message in any way comparable with that of Tuesday.

"Denunciation and bitterness of speech are no explanation and no answer. Assumption that the New York World and its proprietor were influenced by base or unworthy motives in the publication of the reports touching the Panama affair cannot be justified, no matter who may be the person that makes it."

The News states that The World undoubtedly had what it honestly considered sufficient grounds for believing that everything had not been as it should have been in the acquisition of this country of the Panama canal interests from their former owners, although a paper may be deceived.

The News says further that whether Mr. Roosevelt knows it or not, rumors and reports touching the Panama transaction have been numerous and persistent, and that notwithstanding all his asseverations people still are not convinced that everything was as it should have been, this without in the least impugning the good faith of the president or his agents in the negotiations.

The News says many points have not been cleared up, and they cannot be cleared up by threats of libel suits and vituperations of editors that hold the good name and the interests of the country quite as dear as does the president.

The paper says, in concluding its statement, that the Rainey resolution should be adopted and that congress should make a searching investigation of all the facts, circumstances and rumors connected with the Panama activities of the government.

RESENTED BY SENATORS.

President's Charges In Message to Be Thoroughly Investigated.

Washington, Dec. 17. The senate devoted considerable time to a discussion of the president's course in placing strictures on congress regarding the secret service and adopted a searching resolution, proposed by Mr. Aldrich and amended upon the suggestion of Mr. Culberson, providing for a thorough investigation by the committee on appropriations of the president's charges, both in respect to the facts and the course that should be taken by congress to resent the imputations believed to have been cast upon that body.

In introducing his resolution Aldrich made no comment upon it, but Senators Bailey, Bacon, Tillman, Culberson and others declared that the president's words should be resented by the Senate as highly insulting.

THE YANKEE'S MISHAP.

Washington, Dec. 17.- The secretary of the navy has ordered a court of inquiry to meet at Boston next Monday to investigate the grounding of cruiser Yankee in Buzzard's Bay last September, with a view to fixing the responsibility, if any, of Commander Marsh or other officers of the vessel for the mishap.

A GREAT DAY FOR TURKEY.

New Ottoman Parliament Is Opened by Sultan Abdul Hamid.

Constantinople, Dec. 17—Turkey became a full fledged constitutional monarcy today when the new Ottoman parliament held its first session. This assembly was provided for in the constitution granted by Sultan Abdul Hamid last July, and is the first body of its kind to meet in the Empire for over thirty years. The life of its only predecessor was brief, but great hopes are entertained for the success of the newcomer.

Today has been proclaimed a general holiday in honor of the Parliament, and the city is doing its best to observe the occasion fittingly. The decorations are quite unprecedented and most of the population is in the streets eagerly discussing the prospects of the new regime.

Practically every regiment in the Constantinople garrison lined the route under arms when the Sultan drove to open the assembly, while schoolchildren, stationed at vantage points along the way, sang the hymn of liberty as the imperial cortege passed.

FOUNDED "HOTEL TRUST."

Two Brothers Charged With the Misappropriation of $2,000,000.

Berlin, Dec. 17.—Charged with misappropriating $2,000,000, two brothers, Adolf and Fritz Eberbach, hotel company promoters, have been arrested, the former at Silesia, and the latter at Vienna.

The men are charged with having founded a hotel trust, with enormous capital, with offices at Berlin, Hamburg and Bremen; with having appointed dummy directors and having manipulated the funds. When the trust went into liquidation, the brothers disappeared, the shareholders receiving only 2 per cent of their investments.

Proceedings for the extradition of Fritz Eberbach, who, it is alleged, is the principal offender, are now going on.

HIKES FOR MARINE CORPS OFFICERS.

Riding and Walking Tests Will Be Executed.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Physical tests for marine corps officers are prescribed in an executive order just issued. They are to be made once in every two years. In some respects these tests are similar to those which army officers have to undergo.

Field officers will be required to take a riding test of ninety miles, to be covered in three days, and line officers of the grade of captain or lieutenant will have to walk fifty miles in three days actual marching time, including rests, to be twenty hours.

MRS. WHALEY ONDURATE.

Will Give No Financial Assistance to Eloping Granddaughter.

Hempsted, L. I., Dec. 17. An attempt was made here in behalf of Cloretta Whaley, who, three years ago eloped with Jere K. Cooke, former pastor of St. George's Epis. church, to obtain from her grandmother a legacy of $5,000 left her by her father.

W. Emerson, a lawyer of Hartford, visited Mrs. Whaley and made known that he had been retained to obtain the legacy in question. But he was informed that under the will of Mrs. Whaley's father the $5,000 could revert to her only upon the death of her grandmother, to whom the will gave the use of the money during her lifetime.

Mrs. Whaley protested that she stood ready to welcome her granddaughter and her two children, but she emphatically refused to give her financial assistance, on the ground that by doing so she might be helping Cooke.

ALLEGED FORGER FOUND.

Princeton, Ind., Dec. 17. Henry P. Agee, formerly secretary and treasurer of the Princeton Milling Company, charged with forgery and embezzlement approximating $100,000, was arrested in Harlington, Tex., Wednesday, after a two years search. Shortly after his disappearance it was reported he had been drowned in the Wabash river, and $75,000 of life insurance is in litigation.

ALICE NEILSON BANKRUPT.

New York, Dec. 17. Alice Neilson, an actress long prominent of the comic opera stage has filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy. She gives her liabilities as $7,200 and her assets as $75. The liabilities consist of unsecured claims. The assets comprise wearing apparel exempted by law. Miss Neilson, in private life, is Mrs. Benjamin Wulsin.

WILL CARRY OUT PLEDGES.

Taft Promises Adherence to the Chicago Platform.

REVISION OF THE TARIFF.

Republican Party Will Suffer the Consequences Unless Changes Are Made Honestly and Thoroughly—Destruction of Protective System Will Not Stamp Out Trusts—Sherman Law Must Be Enforced.

New York, Dec 17. In bringing his stay in New York to a close last night, President-elect Taft was the guest of honor at one of the most notable banquets ever held in this city. It was the twenty-third annual dinner of the Ohio Society in New York, but around the 700 tables placed in the grand ballroom and Astor Gallery of the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel were men gathered from every section of the country and leaders in many walks of life.

Mr. Taft took advantage of the occasion, in a speech filled with more earnestness than any he has delivered since his election, to pledge his administration and his party, so far as he can control it, to a loyal adherence to the Chicago platform. He dwelt almost wholly upon the revision of the tariff, which he singled out as a most important declaration made at the last national convention and after having previously referred to the veto power of the chief executive, said, with all the emphasis of which he was capable:

"Better no revision at all; better that the new bill should fail unless we have an honest and thorough revision on the basis laid down and the principle outlined in the party platform."

Mr. Taft also referred again to the Sherman anti-trust law and declared for its enforcement as one of the policies of President Roosevelt which the party pledged itself to carry forward.

Mr. Taft referred to the fact that the first time he had ever had the honor to attend an Ohio Society dinner in New York was shortly after his first return from the Philippines when then, as now, he was making a plea that America should do all that lay in its power to make the people of those islands grateful and proud of the altruism which the United States had displayed as trustee of an unfortunate people.

"I am a protectionist," said Taft, amid an outburst of cheering. "But," he went on, "I am not one of those who believe that the policy of protection does not in large degree make trusts and monopolies easier of existence. But the way to stamp trusts and monopolies out is not by destroying the whole protective system. We should not have excessive tariff rates so as to tempt monopolies and give the trusts an opportunity to take advantage of those excessive rates. There have been those in our party who did not care how high the rates were fixed, but the Chicago platform showed by its new declaration of a protective policy that the majority of our party believe in a definite revision of the tariff as it now exists.

"If we do not fulfill the promise made in the Chicago platform and make only a surface revision, we will be quite accountable by the intelligent American people and will suffer the consequences with which failure to keep promises usually is visited by the American people.

Mr. Taft then took up the Sherman anti-trust law. "We must enforce the Sherman act" he said "or such modification of it is will carry out the purpose of those who adopted the original legislation. This is not the occasion to discuss just what amendments are needed to the Sherman law, but I will say that, in reference to the railroads, the provisions of the Sherman act on that subject, should be modified or repealed. This modification should make a distinction of the intent with which combinations are effected. If there should be a combination to reduce the cost of production, for instance, such a combination would be legal. On the other hand, a combination intended for the purpose of monopolization, of control of markets and the stifling of competition, such a combination would be illegal."

Mr. Taft closed by expressing the belief that the party during the next administration would make every earnest effort to carry out its platform principles.

CHELSEA CHURCH BURNED

Chelsea, Mass., Dec. 17.- The First Methodist Episcopal church was badly damaged by fire last night, the steeple and front of the church being consumed, causing a loss of $10,000. The fire is thought to have been started by an incendiary.

CREDITORS IN THE LURCH.

Brokers Who Engaged in "Kiting Checks" Have Light Assets.

Detroit, Dec. 17.—That not more than $20,000 is collectable out of apparent assets of $1,200,000 was indicated by testimony before Bankruptcy Referee Davock, in the case of Cameron Currie & Co., the Detroit brokerage firm that failed last July. Estimates of as low as 3 percent have been made regarding the amount that unsecured creditors will realize on their claims. At present responsibility for the firm's bankruptcy has not been definitely fixed

Cameron Currie said on the stand that he knew now that the firm had engaged in what is known as "kiting checks," but that he did not know it at the time

Louise H. Case, junior partner in the firm, and its active manager, was the last witness before an adjournment was taken until Jan. 4.

CASTRO NOT DISTURBED.

Says He Does Not Believe Alarming Stories from Venezuela

Berlin, Dec. 17. President Castro of Venezuela maintains his composure in the face of alarming reports published here regarding the disturbances in that country. When dispatches were shown him saying that the people of Caracas had arisen against him burned pictures and statues of him in the public squares and attacked a number of buildings, including the stores of several of his warmest adherents, and that several persons have been killed, Castro, after having one of his party translate these into Spanish, said quietly: "I don't believe it."

President Castro was asked for an expression of his views regarding Holland's seizure of Venezuelan ships, but he answered: "I am in Germany in a private capacity."

ITS DEPOSITORS GRIEF-STRICKEN.

Ohio Bank Unexpectedly Makes an Assignment.

Napoleon, O., Dec. 17.- Men cried and women fainted in the streets here when they found a notice of assignment posted on the doors of the Citizens State bank. Dramatic scenes were enacted as the streets rapidly filled with residents of the town and farmers drove into town with which to pay their taxes. President Heller of the bank is now confined in a hospital in a Minnesota town.

The bank filed a deed of assignment following a meeting of the directors, who had previously conferred with the stockholders.

The failure is said to be due to overdrafts made by Cashier Grell to Judge Michael Doyle, who is president of the Ohio General Fire Insurance company, and the assignment is also said to be the direct result of the recent failure of that insurance company. These loans to Doyle, it is alleged, were made without the authority of the other officials of the bank.

REFORMERS MEET TODAY.

Sessions of the Civil Service League Begins in Pittsburg.

Pittsburg, Dec. 17. Reformers from all parts of the United States are assembled here today to attend the twenty-eight annual meeting of the National Civil Service Reform league. The sessions of the league will take two days, during which time many topics of importance to those interested in national, state and municipal government will be discussed.

Among the addresses to be delivered at the meetings of the league will be the following:

"Civil Service Reform in the National Service," Charles J. Bonaparte, attorney general of the United States; "The Workings of the Civil Service Law in Pittsburg," George H. Walker of the civil service commission, Pittsburg; "Progress of Civil Service Reform in New Jersey," Willis F. Johnson, president of the New Jersey state civil service commission.

BELCHER GIVES HIMSELF UP.

Boston, Dec. 17. Robert E. Belcher, formerly a first lieutenant in the national guard, Massachusetts National Guard, who is wanted by the police for the larceny of $900.50 on June 2, surrendered himself last evening. It is alleged that he misappropriated the money of twenty-two members of the National Guard.

AN APPEAL TO RUSSIA.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 17. A telegram was received here from the Montenegrin National assembly appealing to Russia as the mighty protectress of the Slavs to protest against the present annexation of Bosnia and Herzegovina by Austria-Hungary. No action has been taken in the matter.

$85,000 STOLEN FROM A BANK.

Examiner Finds a Defalcation at Somersworth.

THE CASHIER IS ARRESTED.

Said to Have Made Confession That He Is Alone Responsible For Shortage, the Money Having Been Lost in Speculation—Bank Examiner Expresses Opinion That Institution Is Solvent.

Somersworth, N. H., Dec. 17.—The doors of the First National bank of this city were closed following the discovery of a shortage placed at $85,000, and Fred M. Varney, the cashier of the bank, was arrested on a charge of being a defaulter.

The trouble was discovered by National Bank Examiner Dean in the course of a periodical examination of the accounts of the institution. Varney was arrested by United States Marshal Nute, acting under the direction of United States District Attorney T. W. Hoyt of Nashua, local officials having been summoned here by Examiner Dean.

After his arrest, according to a statement made by W. S. Tobin, president of the bank, Varney made a confession, admitting that he had taken a large sum from the bank, which had been lost in speculation. He said also that he alone was responsible for the defalcation, which had been accumulating for the last six years.

Varney was given a hearing before Commissioner Hodgdon of Concord, who had come here for the purpose. He pleaded not guilty and furnished bail of $10,000 for his appearance before the United States district court at Portsmouth in March. His bondsmen were John T. W. Ham of Dover and John E. Willis of Somersworth.

In reporting the trouble to the comptroller of the currency, Examiner Dean said that the defalcation amounted to $85,000, but that, in his opinion, the bank was solvent. He stated also that the directors had said that they were unable to make up the impairment and had requested that the examiner take charge with a view to liquidating the affairs of the institution. Late yesterday Bean was appointed temporary receiver by the comptroller.

Varney is 39 years old. He is married and has one child, a son of 10 years. He has been a resident of Somersworth for eleven years and was one of the prominent young men of the city. He was a member of several fraternal organizations and had served the city two years as city treasurer.

Varney did not live out extensively. He received a salary of $2,000 from the bank, out of which he was required to pay two assistants. It was known to his friends that he was deeply interested in the stock market, but it is said that there was nothing to show that he was involved beyond his means in any transactions.

It was some years ago that April John E. Stinchfield, the bank cashier, was made a defaulter to the bank for $10,000 and then made good his escape. He was captured several days later in Montreal and is at present serving a five year term in Concord. The First National suspended for a few days last March, it was said, with Fred M. Varney as cashier Stinchfield's position.

NOT FOR THE CABINET.

New York, Dec. 17. The offer of a cabinet position to Congressman Burton of Cleveland has been withdrawn by Mr. Taft and will not be renewed. Mr. Burton was mentioned as the probable secretary of the Treasury in Taft's cabinet, and it is said that the portfolio was definitely offered to him. The statement followed Taft's talk with several Republican leaders from Ohio. Burton, it is believed, will possibly enter actively in the Ohio senatorial campaign.

ELIOT ON "LAWLESSNESS."

New York, Dec. 17. President Eliot of Harvard university, was the principal speaker at the opening meeting of the Civic Forum last night. He delivered "Observations" in the United States. "The Report, said, of crimes of violence is a disgrace to the country," and "demonstrated the need of more and more effective protective forces."

MONEY FOR ARMAMENTS.

Buenos Ayres, Dec. 17. The chamber of deputies, meeting in secret session, adopted the armaments bill, which authorizes the expenditure of $75,000,000 for increased armaments. Forty-one deputies voted for and thirteen against the bill.

THE KILLING OF ANNIS.

Described by Member of Yacht Club Who Witnessed the Tragedy.

Flushing, N. Y., Dec. 17.- The account of the slaying of William E. Annis, as he sat in his cat-boat, clad only in bathing suit, and how he was riddled with bullets, was made part of record in the trial of Thorton J. Hains, charged with being a principal with his brother, Captain Peter C. Hains, Jr., in the killing of Annis.

Tracing the movements of the principals in the tragedy with the aid of miniature iron figures and models of the floor and cat-boat Pan, Elwin Andrews, a yacht club member, showed how the army captain stood on the yacht club float's edge, held aloft the obscuring horn and sail of Annis' boat and shot the publisher as he sat at the tiller.

Prosecutor White declared in opening the state's case that evidence would be brought to show that Thornton Hains had full knowledge of his brother's intention to kill Annis and virtually led the way to the yacht club and directed the search for Annis. White declared that Thornton Hains pointed his revolver at Mrs. Annis and prevented her from going to the aid of her wounded husband.

BONY CHANGES OF FRONT.

Cut Out Demand of $60,000 a Year For His Children.

Paris, Dec. 17. The last day of the hearing of the suit brought by Count Boni de Castellane against Princess de Sagan, in which he petitions the court to award the custody of his three children to his mother, brought out that the count has decided upon a sudden change of front, in that he withdrew his demand that the court allow him a yearly income of $60,000 a year for the maintenance of the children.

It is evident that the court has recognized that his claim for this enormous allowance has injured his case in the eyes of the court and in the opinion of the public, and his tardy renunciation is considered a clever move to enlist sympathy in his favor.

The proceedings yesterday were filled with allegations by both sides. They developed little that was new.

BROWNSVILLE CASE IS LAID OVER.

Foraker Will Call It Up Early In January.

Washington, Dec. 17.- The senate informally agreed to postpone until after the Christmas holidays action on the bills providing for the reinstatement of the negro soldiers who were discharged on account of the Brownsville affray of 1906.

The understanding was arrived at after a brief discussion in which Mr. Foraker said he did not wish to speak further on the subject until the reply of the secretary of war to the resolution calling for information concerning the use of detectives in that connection is received.

Senator Warren, chairman of the committee on military affairs, stated that several other senators desired to submit reports on the pending bill. Foraker said he would call it up as soon as possible after convening on Jan. 4.

SHOT UP LIKE A ROCKET.

Spectacular Performance by Wilbur Wright with His Aeroplane.

Le Mans, Dec. 17. Wilbur Wright, the American aeronaut, made a most remarkable flight in his aeroplane here. Instead of rising gradually, the machine shot up like a rocket to a height of 350 feet. The aeronaut then reversed it to descend to 50 feet, at which altitude he stopped the engine.

The machine glided down smoothly and resumed its flight at the rate of 37 miles an hour. The Duchess de Uzes, who was present, was enthusiastic over the remarkable performance.

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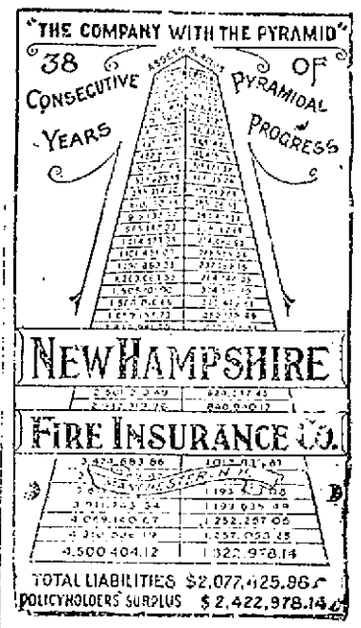
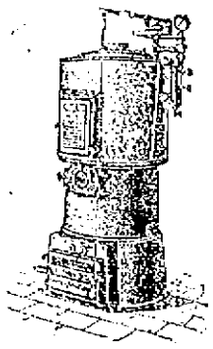
[illegible] President [illegible] "Wading [illegible] Fred D. [illegible] of Amber [illegible] of Mineral [illegible] Scott and Elkins will [illegible] have to present another candidate.

GREAT BLIZZARD RAGING

St. John's, N. F., Dec. 17. The worst blizzard experienced in Newfoundland for many years has [illegible] for forty-eight hours and [illegible] drifting has been [illegible]. No loss of life has yet been [illegible] but it is [illegible] fear it is [illegible] have [illegible] Traffic on land is at a standstill.





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ANOTHER NORMAL SCHOOL

The report of the New Hampshire State Grange committee on the state Normal school makes mighty interesting reading. It was published in the Herald yesterday as part of report of the State Grange meeting.

That the state Normal school is deficient both in educational buildings and in dormitories is a serious charges to make, especially when to it is added the specification that one teacher hears recitations in a corridor because there is no other room, and the further charge that existing buildings are deficient in equipment.

These charges come from farmers, the class proverbially interested in keeping down expenses.

We are not personally familiar enough with the situation to warrant us in expressing an opinion, on the merits of the suggestions offered, which are two, the enlarging of the present plant at Plymouth and the establishing of a new school in the southern part of the state, but the matter is one that should receive the careful attention of all our people.

If a new normal school is to be established, we wish to call the attention of New Hampshire legislators to the superior advantages of Portsmouth for the location. This city already has in the training school at the Farragut schoolhouse a worthy nucleus for such a state institution.

THE MAGAZINES

The Circle for December

The Circle magazine for December is a publication of interest to all people—the sort of magazine a man buys to take home with him and read from cover to cover, then turn over to his wife and smaller members of his family. There is a department for almost every one, great or small, and many of the larger interests of life are given a special page, such as the Business Circle, the Music Circle, the Mother's Circle, etc., etc. The magazine section of this number includes fiction by Leo Crane, Lilian Bell and John Fleming Wilson. The leading feature of the number consists of the replies of some well-known men and women to the question: What can an ordinary man do, who has, perhaps, a little too much of this world's goods, to help those about him who have not enough—and why are there some on Christmas day who have too much and others who have too little? Jacob A. Riis, Edwin Markham, Cynathia Westover Alden, and Josian Strong each has an answer.

Rex Beach's New Serial

Rex Beach, whose two novels "The Spoilers" and "The Barrier" have sold into the hundreds of thousands, begins a new serial called "The Silver Horde" in the January issue of Hampton's Magazine, formerly the of his Alaskan stories deals with the salmon fisheries and with the love story of Cherry Malotte. It is and easily ranks as one of the star serials of the new year.

A Tantalizingly Interesting Book

All in the Same Boat.—Humorous drawings and verse by James Montgomery Flagg. Boards, pp. 100. Seventy-five cents. New York: Life Publishing Company.

Mr. James Montgomery Flagg is as prolific as he is funny, and that is saying a good deal for the rapidity with which he turns out his mirth-provoking product. His "If: a Guide to Bad Manners," "Why They Married," and "Tomfoolery" have had and are having a successful gloom-dispelling career. They are now joined by "All in the Same Boat" in uniform binding and makeup. The present volume deals with the persons one meets on ship-board in crossing the Atlantic, and every one of Mr. Flagg's types will be recognized by the thousands of Americans who journey abroad. Although Mr. Flagg's drawings are caricatures and his verse is the funpoking kind, it would not be difficult to take the cabin list of any large trans-Atlantic liner and correctly affix real names to each of the subjects of the author's pen and pencil.

FIBRE SATURATION.

The Effect of Moisture Upon Wood Is Easily Perceptible.

The effect of water in softening organic tissue as in wetting a piece of paper or a sponge, is well known, and so is the stiffening effect of drying. The same law applies to wood. By different methods of seasoning two pieces of the same stick may be given very different degrees of strength.

Wood in its green state contains moisture in the pores of the cells, like honey in a comb, and also in the substance of the cell walls. As seasoning begins the moisture in the pores is first evaporated. This lessens the weight of the wood, but does not affect its strength.

It is not until the moisture in the substance of the cell walls is drawn upon that the strength of the wood begins to increase. Scientifically, this point is known as the "fiber-saturation point." From this condition to that of absolute dryness the gain in the strength of wood is somewhat remarkable.

In the case of spruce the strength is multiplied four times; indeed, spruce, in small sizes, thoroughly dried in an oven, is as strong weight for weight, as steel. Even after the reabsorption of oisture, when the wood is again exposed to the air the strength of the sticks is still from 50 to 150 per cent greater than when it is green.

When, in drying, the iber-saturation point is passed, the strength of wood increases as drying progresses, in accordance with a definite law, and this law can be used to calculate from the strength of a stick at one degree of moisture what its strength will be at any other degree.

Manufacturers, engineers and builders need to know not only the strength but the weakness of the materials they use, and for this reason they are quite as much interested in knowing how timbers are affected by moisture as they are in knowing how they are weakened by knots, checks, cross-grain and other defects.

It is clear that where timbers are certain to be weakened by excessive moisture they will have to be used in larger sizes for safety.

So far, engineers of timber tests, while showing that small pieces gained greatly in strength, do not advise counting on the same results in the seasoning of large timbers, owing to the fact that the large timbers usually found in the market have defects which are sure to counterbalance the gain from seasoning.—"The Strength of Wood as Influenced by Moisture, Department of Agriculture.

ELECTRICITY MILKS COWS.

The Falls of Niagara Furnish a Farmer the Power.

Charles Francis, a farmer near Medina, N. Y., is using a patent cow-milker operated by electricity transmitted from a power plant five miles away.

The Ontario Company has completed a power cable from Niagara Falls to Syracuse, 150 miles, and by its charter, must furnish current along the route. Farmers, particularly dairymen, are making great plans for using the current for all kinds of farm work. That Niagara will be milking the cows between the falls and Syracuse, is no idle dream.

Farmer Francis is an ardent advocate of the electric cow-milker, for a boy of 15 years milks his 32 cows in less than five minutes; even the traseible kickers. Mere manual labor would for the same work require four men two hours, not count the kicking cows, the flies, the switching tails and other drawbacks.

Youth the Time to Build Wisely.

Youth is the best time for the building of character and the forming of principle, and the future depends on the decisions and actions of the present.—Rev. G. Denton.

Showing Folly of Anger.

A wise man has well reminded us that in any controversy the instant we feel anger we have already ceased striving for the truth, and have begun striving for ourselves.—Carlyle.

Deaths Among Miners.

According to statistics quoted by Congressman Cooper, the fatalities in Pennsylvania's mines rose from 611 in 1898 to 1,511 in 1908.

NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE GRANGE CLOSING DAY

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appreciates the benefit the farmer would derive from good roads. The decreased cost of maintaining when once put in good condition, the lessened wear and destruction of team and outfit when used on good roads, are items that it is impossible to estimate with exactness, but which are greatly underestimated by those who are using our present badly constructed roads. Good roads are almost, if not absolutely, necessary to secure their most extensive use by automobiles, those modern conveyances which bring tens of thousands of dollars to rural New Hampshire homes and purchasers and improvers of scores of New Hampshire's abandoned farms. Your committee would most emphatically favor encouraging any proper move for the improvement of our highways. It seems to us our rural citizens should be encouraged to make a more extensive use of the telephone, and that they should also be encouraged to form companies independent of the large telephone companies, as it seems that where such independent companies exist better service and lower rates are usually secured. The advantage of rural telephones and rural delivery, has been determined beyond all question. Their success serves to indicate to our minds the benefits that would be derived from a parcels post. We would approve and indorse the recommendations of the postmaster general, regarding parcels post service, and hereby request our senators and representatives in Congress to earnestly support the same."

The committee on agriculture after reviewing the situation, recommended: "First, That the study of agriculture be encouraged in our schools and granges. Second, That our farmers practice intense farming, using less acres and getting large crops for 'small farms well tilled mean large pocketbooks well filled.' Third, That our farmers become better acquainted with the theory and practice of forestry. Fourth, That towns be requested to use caution in overtaxing farm and timber lands. Fifth, That we all unite in promoting the movement for good roads. Sixth, That we unite in fixing, as far as possible, the prices of the crops we have to sell and not allow the middle men to pay what they choose. Seventh, That farmers throughout the state be requested to give more time to the care of their buildings and lawns, so that it may rightly be said that the farmer's home is the brightest and happiest home on earth."

The committee on publications reported in favor of the "National Grange" being taken in every Grange home and urged the studying of daily market reports and the reading of agricultural papers from our own state or other states where similar conditions exist. The bulletins of the United States department of agriculture and of the agricultural experiment stations, all of which may be had for the asking, are urged as containing valuable information.

Report of the Committee on Good Roads

The subject of "Good Roads" has occupied the attention of the Grange for many years, and upon the subject we have as an order, taken decided grounds.

Better roads would put the farmer into quicker communication with the town, make rural life more attractive farms more valuable and help to solve the problem of the deserted farms.

Why are the railroads constantly improving their road-beds? Because the cost of running a railroad is decreased by every improvement which tends to lessen grades and make the track hard and smooth. The practical conclusion is that a good road bed pays. It saves power, increases speed, shortens distances and insures comfort and safety. Looking from whatever standpoint we may, it must be pronounced a good investment.

The vehicle in which you draw your produce to market, and your supplies home, bears the same relation to the country roads that the freight or passenger car bears to the steel road.

The great volume of internal commerce in this, or any other State, is done over the country roads. The internal commerce of this country exceeds twenty billion dollars, annually and over sixty-five per cent. of this amount is farm product. Nearly all of this large amount is drawn over roads to reach the shipping point, or market.

It has been estimated that because of bad roads, the cost of transportation is increased more than five hundred millions of dollars per year.

The expense of bad roads falls not only upon the farmer, but upon every manufacturer and every consumer, let him reside where he will, as this increased cost of transportation, the result of bad roads, must be paid by the manufacturer and the consumer.

Every mechanic, every laborer, pays out of his hard earned wages, without any equivalent whatever, to himself or to his family, his part of this heavy tribute to poor roads.

This tribute is porportionately heavier the larger and poorer the family.

Secretary of Agriculture James Wilson once said, "The common roads of the country are the veins and arteries through which flow the agricultural productions and the commercial supplies which are the life blood of the Nation, to those ducts of travel and transportation, the railroads of the country." While our railroad system has been developed until it is now the most perfect in the world, the common roads of the United States have not kept pace, and are inferior to those of many countries. They are deficient in many necessary qualifications which are essential to good roads.

Public policy demands that public money should perform the greatest service to the greatest number.

In the opinion of your committe these facts prove that the State should co-operate with the country towns to a much larger extent than now in the building of highways. We believe also, that we as a State Grange and an integral part of the National Grange, ask for Federal aid in constructing national highways by appropriating sufficient sums to be expended in co-operation with states for the improvement and maintainance of highways.

The present State Aid highway law is upon our statute books by our sanction and approval, as a result of united and vigorous work of our subordinate county and state granges.

Already much good has resulted from this law, and many miles of permanant road have been constructed throughout the State. These stretches of road should serve as object lessons to us and cause us to work more unitedly and earnestly for larger appropriations both by our own individual town and by the state.

By earnest and persistent discussion in our home granges this action can be brought about. Your committee believes that there should be constructed in this state three trunk lines of road running north and south, one in the easterly section running through Portsmouth, Dover, Rochester and intervening towns to Ossipee and Conway, meeting the present state road through Crawford Notch at its terminus at the Bartlett line.

Another to go up through the Connecticut valley and the third, which is already commenced, through the Merrimac valley, meeting the present state road at the Lincoln town line.

We believe that the present appropriation should be increased from $125,000 to $200,000 per year. And that after providing for towns that make application for state aid, and after providing a sufficient sum for the maintainance of state roads at the beach and in the mountains, the balance should be expended equally upon each of the above named three trunk lines.

Thus far since the present law has been in effect the money apportioned among towns applying for state aid, together with money used in maintaining state roads already built has been about $80,000 annually, thus leaving a balance of some $15,000 per year which has been expended upon the proposed middle trunk line.

Should the present appropriation be increased to $200,000 annually, figuring on the same basis, there would be some $40,000 annually to be expended in the construction of each of these three proposed trunk lines and a few years would see them constructed throughout their entire length.

By constructing the three lines no one section of the state would be benefited at the expense of any other section, but the state as a whole would be greatly benefited.

Your committee earnestly believe that a bill embodying the above principles should be drawn and presented at our incoming legislature as a grange measure and that we as a State Grange and as individual members of our respective subordinate granges should exert our every influence for the passage of such a law.

Respectfully submitted,
Charles A. Wiggin,
Blanchard H. Fowler,
Alvin J. Perham.

Convention Notes of Grange

Charles E. Woods took a large number of the grangers on an automobile ride about the city in his handsome Cadillac Thirty.

This morning several hundred grangers were given trips about the city in barges to visit the points of interest.

The courtesy of Admiral Moore and the placing of a tug at the disposal of the visitors was the hit of the convention.

Secretary C. W. Gray's bureau of information did most efficient work.

Postmaster J. P. Conner's branch postoffice was a clever stroke and did excellent service.

Master Edward L. Patterson of the local Grange as chairman gave his orders to the various assistants and to his careful attention was due the perfect system.

The Young Men's Christian Association and its secretary, A. O. Booth, did excellent service and handled the hardest part of the work.

After all it was the work of Portsmouth—everybody did his and her part. Bring on your crowds; the Herald is happy that its long fight in bringing the State Grange to Portsmouth met with such a signal success. Now for the state conventions of Odd Fellows, Masons, Elks and the New England Convention.

The Herald expects to be able to announce very soon that the annual convention of the Loyal Legion will be held here.

The endorsement of the parcels post is one of the most important actions taken at this convention.

Good-bye grangers, till your next visit. We like you and hope you will come again soon.

The first departures for home were on Wednesday afternoon.

Never, not even in Manchester or Concord, was the State Grange shown such thorough open-hearted New England hospitality as in Portsmouth, according to State Master Herbert O. Hadley. This convention will surely come here again.

Portsmouth has a good excuse for being ruffed up, after its notable success in entertaining a three-day convention of 1400 people.

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE

The Red Cross Stamps

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Christmas Church and Society Sales

Athletic Items from Students in the Academy

New Foreman On The Boston And Maine Railroad Section

Exeter, Dec. 17.

The winner in the finals of the 300-yard dash run at the board track on Wednesday afternoon was Barlow, who won out by a narrow margin over Dunn, who had led the bunch almost the entire distance but faltered and collapsed within three yards of the finish line just as Barlow breasted him by a great spurt. Had Dunn been able to finish the race it is difficult to say who would have won. There were seven starters in the dash. Dunn got a good start and jumped away from the others at the very outset and maintained a terrific pace for the entire distance as the time for the dash, 34 2-5 seconds, will show. Considering the fact that the men were running on a board track and their lack of preparation, the time was extremely fast. The second and third men across the tape were Sheppard and Boyd. Dunn was apparently all right in a few seconds after his collapse and walked to the gymnasium unaided, showing no ill effects whatever from the gruelling race.

Fortunately the water wasn't very deep and the man was rather tall or serious consequences might have attended Harry Williams unpremeditated bath in the icy waters of the Squamscott river on Wednesday morning. Williams, in company with several others, was fishing through the ice and ventured upon a thin place. He managed to keep his head from going under by strenuous leg-stretchings until help arrived.

The Arts and Crafts Society opened its sale in the Woods block on Wednesday and a fair sized crowd patronized the counters, where many useful and necessary articles were offered for sale. The sale will continue for three days and with its auspicious opening promises to be a successful affair.

Another sale, which attracted considerable attention and brought out buyers in good numbers was the Christmas sale which was held this afternoon at the Unitarian church. An attractive array of goods was offered to make selections for Christmas gifts from and many availed themselves of the opportunity to do a part of their shopping.

One of the most notable events of the closing weeks of the term at Robinson Seminary will be the entertainment which will be given in the town hall on Friday night. "A Vision of Fair Women" is the headline attraction for the evening but several vocal selections will be given. "A Vision of Fair Women" is based on Tennyson's "Dream of Fair Women" and is a beautiful production worthy of a large patronage.

"The Wolf," which will be at Music Hall, Portsmouth, on Saturday evening is a play which attract the attention of all discriminating playgoers. It is a virile production and presents typical scenes from life in the far northern woods. A special car will leave Exeter for Portsmouth at 6.45 and return after the show.

Why not try the Herald for all local news? Subscribers are being added to the list every day.

Ralph Bee and Perley Sleeper, two High school boys who have won distinction as canoe builders, have established themselves in the manufacture of hockey sticks and are doing a brisk business.

The Red Men, always good entertainers, by introducing an innovation in the shape of a prize waltz at their Tuesday night dance, drew a big crowd who report one of the pleasantest times of the year. In the waltz contest Miss Leah Byron captured the lady's prize, a fancy glove box, while Manuel Gallant carried off the gentleman's, a fancy handkerchief box.

George M. Chisholm and Arthur E. Ogilvie, who graduated from the Academy last spring, have recently been elected to the Phi Gama Delta Fraternity of the Yale Scientific School.

J. A. Carlisle, who owns one of the fastest launches in the river fleet, is giving his craft a thorough repairing. When it is launched in the spring there will be few better equipped or prettier boats on the water.

Charles Chapman of Berwick has been appointed foreman of the local Boston and Maine section to succeed Fred Downs, who held the position for thirteen years and who, at his own request, was shifted to the Kennebunk section.

James McLane, a foreman in the lasting room of Gale Brothers' shoe factory, is restricted to his home on Carroll street by illness. Another employe of the firm, who is suffering from an attack of illness, is Orris Garland, who has charge of the stock room.

According to a statement given out yesterday by Coach Conners of the track team, the men who will represent Exeter on the cinder path next spring will be of almost the same ability as the athletes who lowered Andover's colors in last year's dual meet. This year's team will have the advantage of several experienced men, prominent among them being Capt. Cornell, who captured the 100 yard dash in last spring's meet in the fast time of ten seconds flat. Another event in which the crimson should make a good showing is the shot put. The most promising man for this is Way, an ex-Manchester High school boy who played a brilliant game at guard and fullback this year. He is daily taking a turn at the 16-pound sphere and if he maintains the pace which he is setting at present he will be assured of a place on the team in this event and should prove a point winner. The material for the jumps is below the usual standard but the men in the dashes and runs are fully up to last year's mark.

The track men are Capt. Cornell, Burns, Rose, Dun, Murray, Jones, Bingham, Daniels, Boyd, Barlow, Genthing, Roberts, Sheppard, Jennings, Hammond, Calihan, A. and F. Cady. These are divided into short and long distance squads. The men trying for the jumps are Hyatt, Fitzsimmons, Way and Weil. The hurdle men are Crandall, Gillis, Cable, Crane, Lyndfield and Faulkner.

William Grimey, living on River street, suffered quite a severe injury to his wrist by the explosion of a gun he was carrying. His wound was dressed at his home.

The Christian Annual, just issued, presents a neat appearance and has a well executed and attractive cover design done in pen and ink.

Henry Duffy, a local lad, will soon break into the limelight as a boxer. A bout is slated between him and a Newburyport boy, Tim Sullivan, to take place next week in Haverhill. Duffy is a well built 175 pounds, and has all the earmarks of a winning fighter in addition.

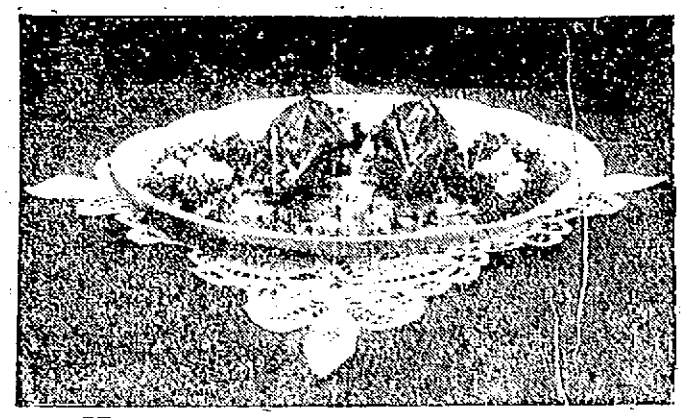
John Bernardi of Boston was a business visitor in town yesterday.

Casey Duffey left for Boston yesterday where he intends to make a several days' stay.

Fraternity Rebekah Lodge will hold a meeting this evening to elect officers.

Try the Herald for all the local news. Ten added their names yesterday to the growing list of subscribers.

Good Things To Eat



POTTED PIGEONS.

While pigeons are a delicate meat the amateur cook is liable to serve them underdone and somewhat tasteless. She should not forget the difference between the squab or young pigeon, which is delicate eating when broiled, and the mature bird, which requires different treatment and a length of time for cooking all out of proportion to its diminutive size.

Pigeons vary in price, but in winter they average about 75 cents a dozen. Wash them quickly in cold water and wipe dry. Make a small amount of stuffing of equabs moistened with butter, such as would be made for a chicken, but do not add any rank seasoning like sage or onion. Truss the birds and place upright on their backs in a pan or baking dish and each on a very thin slice of salt pork; lay two bits of pork the size of a match on each breast and add water to half fill the pan. Cover closely and cook until tender; this may take three hours. Take up the pigeons and make a gravy from the stock left in the pan. Serve each pigeon on a square slice of toast and garnish with a sprig of parsley or cress. The round earthen baking dishes, if deep enough, are excellent for broiling or potting birds.

WARWICK CLUB CELEBRATES SIXTEENTH ANNIVERSARY

The sixteenth anniversary of the Warwick Club was observed on Wednesday evening at their club rooms on Market street, and it was if anything a little better than those that have gone before. There was a large number of the members present, including those from out of the city, a large delegation from York and Kittery and Eliot.

The special guest of the evening were Rear Admiral E. K. Moore, U. S. N. and the officers of the navy yard.

During the evening the Hoyt and Parker's orchestra gave a fine concert program and a most excellent entertainment was given by Herbert A. Clark of Waltham, Mass. Mr. Clarke appeared in a black face sketch which was a corker. He had a fund of good stories and a great many local hits that created a great deal of fun. His jokes were good and his stories all original and funny. Mr. Clarke later gave a strong speech on Women's Rights, and Matrimony, that was also very clever. He had a great makeup for a start and his line of talk kept the audience in a continuous roar of laughter. He certainly made a hit with the Warwick Club.

From nine until ten o'clock Rowe and Vondy served an excellent supper consisting of lobster salad, rolls, sandwiches, frozen pudding and assorted cakes, coffee.

It was a jovial gathering and the old songs were sung many times and everybody had a good time, and all were sorry when the midnight hour arrived and the sixteenth anniversary passed into history of the club as a pleasant memory.

The committee in charge of the entertainment were: C. B. Hoyt, C. R. Seed and Ralph H. Junkins.

The officers of the club are: President J. S. Whitaker; vice-president Frederick M. Sise; clerk C. B. Hoyt and treasurer H. O. Prime.

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REGAN—TUTTLE

The marriage of Thomas G. Regan of Augusta and Miss Carolyn Burgess Tuttle of Auburn, Me., took place Tuesday afternoon at city hall, the ceremony being performed by City Clerk Lamont Hilton.

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The work of putting in piling at the North End will be started shortly for the extension of the new track across the dock to the coal sheds of the Portsmouth Coal Company.

WITH THE THEATRICAL FOLK

La Barre's Minstrels

The first minstrel troupe of the season is La Barre's which will be at Portsmouth Music Hall on Friday evening, Dec. 18.

This troupe of musicians, acrobats, singers and blackface artists is meeting with marked success on the New England circuit and is now working west, making Portsmouth its first New Hampshire stand. The troupe will play Nashua, Manchester and Concord before leaving the state on this trip across.

Go and see the minstrels and enjoy the music and singing and get your share of laughter from the fun.

"The Wolf"

"The Wolf" by Mr. Eugene Walter, who has come into prominence through the many excellencies of his "Paid in Full", will be seen here for the first time on Saturday evening at Portsmouth Music Hall.

It treats of characters who live very close to nature and deals with primeval conditions and the situations arising from them. The half-maud old Scotchman, with his Scotch obstinacy, intensity of self-conceit and narrowness of mind; Baptiste Le Grand, with his simple but dogged devotion and vengefulness, are said to be lifelike and credable and Jules Beaubien, a delightfully agreeable personage in his combination of manliness and French-Canadian insouciance.

Scene from "The Wolf"

"The Wolf" is interesting and holds the attention closely, as did his "Paid in Full" and the merits of this more recent production show that Mr. Walter is not a one play author.

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DANIEL D. TUTTLE.

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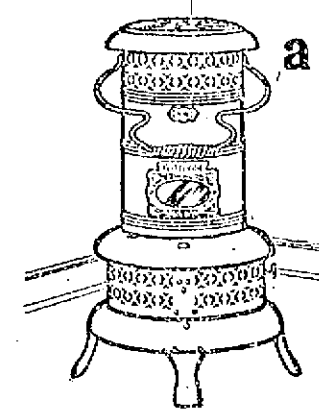

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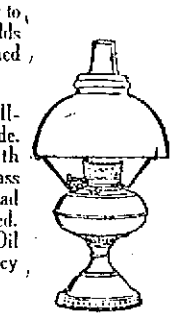

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WOMEN OVERDO IT

WE ARE BECOMING A PEOPLE OF HARD-RIDDEN FADS.

One of the Chief Dangers of the Age—Too Many Theories of Life—The Food Faddist at Fault.

By Roxanna Queen.

"That poor child was washed into heaven," said a witty woman when hearing of the death of a friend's young daughter. "The mother was a believer in cleanliness and little Suzanne was the victim.

"The youngster was always put in the tub morning, noon, and night, and many is the day I've known her to have four or five baths. She was a peaky little thing, sick half the time, but the doctors could not make her mother realize that keeping the pores open did not mean an orgy of bathing."

The chief danger of the age is overdoing. We have so many theories of life that often we are worse off than without any. An overdose beliefs is like an overcooked steak: the best is lost.

Few of us realize the distinction between a good thing and a too good thing, which is one reason that we are becoming a people of hard-ridden fads.

The woman who is too fat is told to reduce. Now, reducing is all right, but rapid flesh shedding is a disease breeder. To reduce in moderation is well, to live for reducing is a virtue overdone.

Perhaps our fat friend is told to exercise. Does she go in for a brisk walk twice a day and gentle calisthenics morning and evening? Not she. She walks until she is ready to drop with fatigue, and breaks irons and twists like an aspirant from Paris until she loses her good looks and good health along with her flesh.

If slenderness is the order she draws no line between starving and produces sunken wrinkles and dyspeptic bodies.

A heartbreaking waistline usually results if it dropped almost to her knees in front and a figure that is a caricature in its shortness of legs.

The food faddist is in special need of learning that well done is not overdone. Who has not been pestered with friends who, being told that the hot water cure is the last thing in cure-alls from themselves, like the tank of a locomotive, or who rave at beef-eaters when they become nipped with vegetarianism.

It is well to bring up children carefully. It is overdoing to bring them up so carefully that their young lives are made miserable by rules and regulations, and they are robbed of childhood's heritage of romance.

The extremes in life are not always the boys and girls who have advanced ideas to shock relatives. Perfection forced into too close range has a way of getting distorted.

A mother with ultra views of decorum was horrified to see her 15-year-old daughter smoke a cigarette and dance a skirt dance for the amusement of her friends the first time he went home to spend the holidays. The girl explained that was like a dress, taking smack from an overdose of goodness.

The sanitariums are full because women do not seem able to learn that to work is well, to overwork is to invite prostration.

Still an indiscriminate woman thinks the polite hostess is never to retire to her guests, and that is the house where the guest feels like shrieking "For heaven's sake give me a little alone!" There's nothing like being the one than everyone be good to.

The crank is usually the person who accepts a good idea.

To make pleasant remarks harmlessly is always made pleasant [illegible]. To be tendency or [illegible] is [illegible].

Pedal reading is good; never to read anything in lighter vein is to have a brain with as few high lights as a silhouette.

To learn that well done is not overdone is the surest safeguard against life's excesses. Moderation may not be everything, but it wears well.

Queens Who Smoke.

Queen Olga is seemingly unimaginable. Queen Alexandra of the Greeks [illegible] the Queen of Roumania would have taken to the cigarette habit to which most of the younger school of European rulers confess. Queen Sofia is on a list of "Queens who smoke" which has just been published, and explains that she has never yet put a puffle thought into writing without that best of inspirations, the cigarette, between her lips. The Dowager Empress of Russia, Queen Amelia of Portugal and the Dowager Queen of Spain are also among the smokers, and of the younger generation, the Empress of Russia, who had never smoked a cigarette before her marriage, is now probably the one whose daily allowance of cigarettes is the largest. But, then, "ladies' cigarettes" in Russia are of the mildest and almost as mild as chocolate impressions.

To Protect Hard Wood Floors.

To protect hardwood floors from scratches, fit corrugated rubber to bottom of tables and chairs, fasten with strong glue. These tips are in visible.

THE GRACEFUL GIRL.

Has an Air of Superiority That Forces Her Upon Our Notice.

Have you ever noticed the great amount of admiring attention which the graceful girl attracts? Even almoderately good-looking, and not prettily or smartly dressed, there is an air of natural superiority about her which forces her upon our notice. This superiority lies in the fact that the graceful girl knows how to poise her body correctly how to walk and sit becomingly. Consequently no matter what she wears or what her features may be like, she always appears to the best advantage.

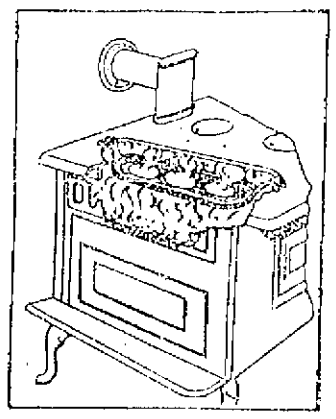
A plain girl who knows how to stand, move, and sit with ease is far more admired than the beauty who is clumsy and awkward. Some girls are naturally graceful. But there is no reason why those who are lacking in this respect should not add to their charms by carefully cultivating the art. An erect carriage, a graceful walk, a graceful manner of sitting and rising are necessary if a girl wishes to be really charming. And it is quite within her own power to acquire these virtues. In the first place she must study her own defects and the faults of other girls in order that she may avoid them.

Do not try to copy the graceful girl out hand, so to speak, by forcing yourself into what, to you would be unnatural poses and attitudes. That is not the way to cultivate gracefulness. In fact by doing so you will probably only make yourself more awkward and clumsy. By always trying to avoid the little faults which prevent a girl from becoming graceful, you will as time goes on find yourself drifting quite naturally into the ways and manners of the graceful girl.

SMOKELESS GRIDDLE.

Odors as Well, Are Carried Directly Up the Chimney.

A smokeless and odorless griddle and broiler, which has been lately patented, has advantages which will be readily recognized at a glance of the accompanying cut. The front plates of the stove being removed, the new griddle sets in and at the same time falls below the stove top. In this manner the heating surface is brought nearer to the fire and all smoke, vapors and odors are carried up the chimney. The griddle is open at the top but for the purpose of broiling it is desirable that a greater heat should be secured, and this is brought about by making a lid over the top. When the latter is lowered, the meat being cooked gets the full benefit of the heat, but when it is raised every opportunity is offered for its examination.—Washington Star.



SMOKELESS GRIDDLE.

Cruel Fussy Mothers.

Across the aisle from me sat one of the "fussy" kind of mothers with her little girl, evidently about five years old. The mother didn't leave the child in peace for one minute. She took off her hat, smoothed her hair; she repaired her collar; she wiped her face with her pocket-handkerchief; she took her from her seat and stood her on the floor to straighten her frock; then she sat her back again. She took off her hair ribbon and tried it, she looked in her eye to see if there was a cinder in it; then she began at the beginning and did all these things over again.

The child actually endured. Evidently she had been accustomed to it all her short life. The world to her was a queer, tiresome place in which mothers exhausted their energies and got their nerves on edge by paying useless attention to little girls.

A physician who sat behind me watched the scene.

"Has the woman no conscience?" he said to me in an undertone. "Every touch pushes that child nearer the sanatorium that will one day open its doors to take her in as sure as fate."

"Poor little soul!" I said. "Is there no hope for her?"

"No! will, that mother," gravely replied the doctor.

Garabaldi's Granddaughter.

Celia Garabaldi, a granddaughter of the great Italian patriot, is at the head of the Methodist Girl's Home School at Rome. Miss Garabaldi is a Methodist, a graduate from a Methodist school in Rome.

Eggs for Invalids.

Cover frying pan with cream. When hot break as many eggs as wanted, season with a little salt and keep stirring until light.

THE WOMAN OF FIFTY

NEW LIFE AWAITS HER AFTER CHILDREN ARE GROWN.

She May Have Any of a Dozen Talents in Other Lines But Neither She Nor the World Be Better.

By Charlotte Perkins Gilman.

The woman of fifty, whose children have all grown up and left her, is likely to think that her work is over and her life done, but her life is, on the contrary, just beginning. She is not so taken up with being a woman now, and can realize at last her individual character. Heretofore her personality has been submerged in the great common experience of love, marriage and maternity. She may have had any one of a dozen talents in other lines, but neither she nor the world is the better for it. She may have preferred other occupations; she may have particularly disliked this one; but neither capacity nor preference nor distaste made any difference. A wife and mother, she must also be a nurse and housekeeper for better or worse.

One wonders sometimes, noting the wide difference in housekeeping and in child care, as whether it not "better or worse" should not put in an account of them. If it is "better," the family is more comfortable; if it is "worse" the family is more uncomfortable; but, which even it is, the woman must spend all her vitality, time and personality, whether she is happy or not, which one is fifty. Is not the remainder a mere shell, a husk or a remnant of what was once a woman, all her womanhood consumed? That's what we have always thought. We have peacefully taken it for granted that she who had to pay this obliteration here if in the interests of her family should then obliterate on general principles for all the rest of her life.

There is no reason why the woman of fifty should stay obliterated. She may be ten, twenty, thirty years still to live, and in ten years of well directed effort, free from the burdens and backsteps of youth, what may she not do? Once disentangled from the clinging mounds of domestic habit, she finds, to her infinite surprise, a fountain of youth springing up within her. She can enjoy the green earth as much as she ever did, more, if her soul has grown, she can take up a new trade or profession if she wants money—specially perhaps, along the line that has previously occupied her. She can travel if she can afford it, study if she has time and wishes to go in for some kind of public work. If Heaven speaks to her, or she may simply "feel" for a while and "invite her soul." And what of the family? Is nothing to be lost by the emancipation of a human grandmother? Will John at sixty-five object to these new courses? There will be no difficulty about any of these things. To say the truth, grandmamma is not left in his life, she is behind. Neither is he as entirely "content" with the average wife and mother as the poets and some novelists would have us believe. There is room for a powerful hope that the man of fifty-five will spend the rest of his days quite as comfortably with the active, happy, useful, growing woman she is as with the gradual disorganization of the woman who was.

A Successful Housekeeper.

A woman to be a successful housekeeper must "be good to the poor," be patient and sympathetic, but not too much, lest she destroy the comfort she is endeavoring to create.

She must be affectionate, sympathetic and patient, and fully appreciative of the worth and dignity of her office.

Now, if a woman cannot broil a beef steak, nor boil the potatoes when it is necessary, if she cannot mend the linen, nor patch a coat, if she cannot make a bed, nor scrub the house, nor do anything practical in the way of making a home actually a home, how can she expect to be a successful housekeeper?

She needs to educate herself in the art of domestic science in order a real "Home, Sweet Home."

She should have a place for everything and keep everything in its place. Remember and put in practice the motto, "Never put off till to-morrow that which you can do today."

Thus the poorest dwelling presided over by a virtuous, thrifty, cheerful and cleanly woman, may be the abode of comfort, virtue and happiness. It may be endeared to man by many delightful associations, furnishing a sweet resting place after labor, a consolation in misfortune, a pride in prosperity and a joy at all times.

A Delicious Icing.

Put on a cup of granulated sugar with half a cup of water, let it boil without stirring until it spins a heavy thread.

Beat very stiff the white of one egg and into it pour slowly the hot sugar. Let the syrup cool a little before putting it in the egg or it will cook it. Beat steadily until the icing is cool and creamy.

Just before it is too cold to stir longer add one ounce each of candied cherries, chopped citron, candied pineapple and blanched almonds.

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COULDN'T AFFORD IT.

"Papa, I will marry George!"

"Never!"

The young girl's eyes flashed, and the hot, passionate blood of her forefathers, to say nothing of her own, mantled her cheek with an angry flush. The old man was excited, too. Parent and child confronted each other, and neither quailed.

"Do you refuse me that alone which will make me happy?"

"Your happiness is very dear to me, my daughter."

The old man assumed a lugubrious tone and bowed his head sadly. But the girl, although she was just turned 18, had read a few books and divined the situation at once or sooner.

"Do not seek to deceive me, papa."

"Child, child, it is for your good that I deny your request."

The beautiful woman shivered. Her lips curled scorafully or thereabouts.

"What wouldst have me do, sir?"

With infinite grace he led her to a seat. He considered it a great endorsement to have things come his way thus.

"My child, you said marry." She nodded.

"I say elope." She started.

"Then I may marry George?"

"Most assuredly. But no wedding at home, you please."

He looked at his watch. "Bless you my daughter. I am willing to pay for a very stylish elopement. But a wedding at home—no, indeed! Let George not to give himself on carriage hire and hotel bills. I will cheerfully meet the expense. You may elope sumptuously and I'll furnish the cash, but I can't possibly afford a wedding at home."

Like the sensible girl that she was she consented to the sacrifice after a good long cry.

The Easiest Vocation.

Maud (aged nine years)—Mother, when I grow up I guess I will be a school teacher. Do you think I can?

Mother—I don't believe you can, Maud, because you are now only in the second grade.

Maud—Then I guess I will have to be a mother. You don't have to take any lessons in that, do you?—Judge.

Fabrics from Waste Plants.

Scientists in many lands have been giving an increasing amount of attention to the problem of producing from the plant world, substitutes for the fibers and fabrics now [illegible] in use. To find a new cotton, or a new flax straw or a fiber which shall take the place of wool or silk, or to put among commercial possibilities a new material from which to manufacture fine paper, are among the aims. Four inventions have recently reached what they claim to be success, each in his own particular search and description of their products showing how widely varying results are being attained, are printed in the Technical World Magazine. From Ramie, a textile which came originally from China, but which grows well in various countries, is made a fiber which rivals cotton for usefulness and has some of the beauties of silk. From the huge cactus leaves of our American deserts, a kind of fabric called cactus-leather is manufactured, which while not a substitute for cowhide, is useful for many of the purposes for which genuine leather is used. Pine needles are also being made to furnish a fiber which has qualities of usefulness in clothmaking, even clothing being successfully manufactured from it. And finally the Pineapple shrub has been found to contain a fiber to an every which makes it commercially worth farming.

WHAT TO WEAR AND HOW TO WEAR IT

Special Correspondent of This Paper Writes Entertainingly to Women.

LATEST FROM THE METROPOLIS

Three Modes of the Latest Designs—Blue Cloth With Striped Silk Gown Delightful for Semi-formal Wear—A Striped Zephyr and the Latest Tailored Coat.

This effective gown, combining simplicity and the chic can be carried out at moderate cost and is delightful for semi-formal wear. It is built of Copenhagen blue face cloth, trimmed with blue and white striped chiffon taffeta.

The sleeves are cut in one with the bodice, which blouses slightly and is given a broad shoulder effect by having tucks run from the shoulder seams down to the girdle. The sleeves are elbow length, slit at the top and trimmed with buttons. There are cuffs of the striped silk on the under sleeves of taffeta gros grain and embroidered batiste insertion.

A yoke of the same trimming as the undersleeves is set into the cut out neck, the front deepening into a Dutch yoke, with outlines of silk.

Completing the costume is a hat of dark blue straw of fine quality. This is trimmed with bands of satin, folded gracefully about the crown and pierced at the front with two immense pearl buttons. At the side are shaded blue ostrich feathers, uncurled.

BLUE CLOTH WITH STRIPED SILK.

The newest tailored suits are beginning to take on the lines predicted for fall costumes, are taking the lines of the skirts with which they are worn, being long and snug as a result. Indeed some of the latest models are so semi that they are slashed either at the back or sides for every comfort.

They are very elegant in the face cloths which are returning to favor. A striking model in natural color cloth is illustrated. Nothing could be plainer and clearer than the skirt, but its lines are all symmetry and grace. The only trimmings are a few pendants about the bottom in black silk and large buttons sewn along the edge of the skirt seams.

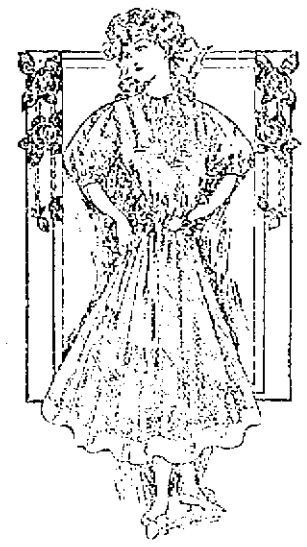
The coat is devoid of any definite waistline, though close-fitting. It does not meet at the front, and is so cut out that a separate vest can be added whenever desired. The sleeves, cut in one with the back and front opened on the top and trimmed in the same way.

The stunning hat worn with the coat is trimmed with black satin and wings, being in natural color mohair braid.

THE LATEST TAILORED COAT.

A chance for using an inexpensive material to excellent advantage is offered in this excellent model for a young girl. The zephyr with diagonal stripes is one of the latest materials and although soft and sheer, is made of light wool. Very narrow imitation Cluny insertion is principally used to decorate the design pictured, the skirt having bands of the trimming about the waistline and again at the bottom at the head of a plain stitching of blue silk.

The blouse is one of the new seamless models, with the sleeve cut in one, and is trimmed in the same way as the skirt with the Cluny bands. A square neck is filled in with a soft guimpe of white batiste and the elbow sleeves have cuffs of wider lace.



A STRIPED ZEPHYR, SIMPLY MADE.

The belt is made of silk to match the lean on the skirt, being fastened at the side with a soft bow. The ends are heavily fringed.

Little dresses like this are quite pretty without fringe, but when mounted over thin china silk slips in delicate colors their beauty is greatly enhanced. For youthful gowns the finer stripes are used, tucks and plaits being omitted from the decorative schemes approved by the leading dressmakers.

Society Woman at Table.

Society women break down, all too often, because they eat too little at one time and too much at another. Strangely enough, the very woman whose time theoretically is at her disposal, because of her wealth, cannot always control the order of her repasts. The French breakfast idea is largely responsible for loss of health on the part of many a woman of fashion. Instead of taking a good American breakfast and so fortifying herself with a roll and coffee or chocolate, with perhaps a little fruit on the side. Another trouble with the society woman of to-day is that she has forgotten the art of a generation ago, which was to shift social problems to the shoulders of her secretary. She worries as much over the affairs of the set as does her husband over the turn of the market. It should be her study to leave her social duties outside her boudoir. She should not take society too seriously. And she should eat enough at all times, instead of having her meals alternate between feast and famine. With the business woman it is different. She, too, should eat sparingly, but not too much. She should drink plenty of milk, take tea, coffee and good chocolate in moderation, and always have plenty of fresh fruit. A light luncheon is better than a heavy one for her, for it must be remembered that the working woman has to go back to her work after her meal and has no time for exercise, which after a heavy repast is a severe tax upon her digestion.

SOME PUDDING RECIPES.

Puddings have become so varied in style that one cookbook could now [illegible] to tell just what the name pudding should confer, unless the kind of pudding is specified. Here are a few of the many popular pudding recipes of to-day.

Date Pudding—Half fancy cupfuls of milk. Add two ounces of a cupful of sugar and six level tablespoonfuls of corn starch, made smooth in a little cold milk. Cook ten minutes and add the yolks of three eggs beaten well. Butter a pudding dish, lines with sugar, turn in the pudding and cover with a meringue made of the whites of four eggs beaten stiff and one-half of a cupful of powdered sugar. Set in the oven to brown. Cool before serving.

A Hint for Flower-Lovers.

To preserve a bouquet of flowers, place it lightly with fresh water, then place it in a vase containing ammonia. The chemical properties nourish the life and keep the flowers bright. Take the bouquet out of the vase every morning, and place the stems in fresh water for a few minutes. Then after sprinkling the flowers again with clear water, replace the bouquet in the vase. The flowers will keep as fresh as when first gathered, especially when the suds are changed every third day. By this method I have kept flowers fresh, fragrant and beautiful for over a week. Try it and you will be delighted.

Eating Between Meals.

This for children is a wise way of satisfying dropping in. Wholesome foods, at regular hours, obviate the need of anything at other times.

Boston & Maine R.R.

IN EFFECT OCTOBER 5, 1908.

Trains leave Portsmouth for Newburyport, Salem, Lynn and Boston—*5.25, 6.25, 7.25, 8.05, 8.47, 9.20, 10.55 a. m., *1.50, *5.05, 6.25, 7.20, p. m.

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Stop Kittery and Connect only when there are passengers for the Ferry Landing.

SUNDAYS—First trip 9.00 a. m.

FOR Kittery and Battery Point—6.00 a. m. and every half hour until 10.00 p. m.

SUNDAY—First trip 9.30 a. m.

FOR York Village, York Harbor, and York Beach, Via Bossman's Corner—7.00 a. m. and every two hours until 9.00 p. m. and 10.00 p. m. to York Harbor and York Beach only.

SUNDAYS—First trip 9.30 a. m.

FOR Ogunquit, Wells, Kennebunk and Kennebunk Port, Via Bossman's—7.00 a. m. and every two hours until 9.00 p. m. to Ogunquit only.

SUNDAYS—First trip 9.30 a. m.

FOR Ogunquit only, F. R. & Y. Div., week days and Sundays—5.00 p. m.

LEAVE Dover for Portsmouth, East and Eastern Div. and every hour until 9.00 p. m.

SUNDAYS—First trip 9.00 a. m.

CARS LEAVE Salmon Falls Bridge, for Rochester, Portsmouth, Kittery, Seavey's, Dover and every hour until 9.00 p. m.

SUNDAYS—First trip 9.00 a. m.

Leave Seavey's for Portsmouth—6.05 a. m. and every hour until 9.05 p. m.

SUNDAYS—First trip 9.35 a. m.

Cars leave York Beach for Portsmouth and Kittery Navy Yard—6.00 a. m., 7.00, 8.00, 9.00 a. m., and every two hours until 9.00 p. m.

SUNDAYS—First trip 9.30 a. m. and every hour until 9.30 p. m.

Cars leave Town House for Wells, Ogunquit, York Beach, Portsmouth, Kittery, Dover and South Berwick—Mail Line—7.30, 9.30 a. m. and every two hours until 7.30 p. m. for Ogunquit only.

SUNDAYS—First trip 9.30 a. m.

For further information apply to L. H. McKenney, West Manager, Portsmouth, N. H. Office, Town House, Kittery, Maine.

PORTSMOUTH AND EXETER ST. RAILWAY

Cars leave Portsmouth for Exeter at 6.00 a. m. and every two hours until 10.00 p. m.

Leave Exeter for Portsmouth at 6.45 a. m. and every two hours until 8.45 p. m.

Extra cars will leave Exeter on special Theatre nights. oct 26 dtf

NAVY YARD FERRY TIME TABLE

Leave Navy Yard—8.20, 8.40, 9.15, 10.00, 10.30, 11.15, 11.45 a. m.; 1.35, 2.15, 3.00, 4.35, 5.00, *6.00, §7.15 p. m. Sundays—First trip, 10.15 a. m.; 1.15, 12.35 p. m. Holidays—9.30, 10.30 11.30 a. m.

Leave Portsmouth—8.50, 9.30, 9.50, 10.15, 11.00, 11.30, a. m.; 12.15, 1.45, 2.30, 3.20, 4.25, 5.30, *6.10, §10.00 p. m. Sundays—10.07 a. m.; 12.05, 12.30, 12.45 p. m. Holidays—10.00, 11.00, 12.00 a. m.

*May 15 to October 15.
§Wednesdays and Saturdays.

R. M. DOYLE, U. S. N.,
Captain of the Yard.
Approved: R. R. MOORE, U. S. N.
Commandant

HOT TIME IN PARIS IN 1925.

The Kind That Burns When the World Round.

Rest. The geographer of the Academy of Sciences has just published a table showing the extent to which the Department of Agriculture has put on record the fact, he says, that the injury to wheat and oats from rust is probably more to that caused by any other fungus or insect pest, and in some localities is greater than that caused by all other enemies of the crop combined.

The farmer in some region or other in looking over his fields during the early summer cannot help noting that the fresh green appearance of the wheat crop is changing in other from day to day, becoming gradually quite yellow. On examination closely one of the withered leaves the observant cultivator can detect orange yellow spots or lines, and with the aid of a low power lens also can see that the epidermis of the leaf has been ruptured by the eruption of countless numbers of orange colored seeds or spores.

These seeds and spores then begin to multiply rapidly, and when the leaves are shaken by the wind the spores are set free and fall upon other leaves, and thus the disease is spread. Wherever wheat is grown this destructive pest is known, and dreaded.

In appearance the disease is the same wherever the crop attacked is grown. Throughout America, Australia and Europe, it appears later in the season as a dark brown or black on the stems, leaves and ears of the cereal and of many surrounding wild grasses. In the early days of rust the minute spores or seeds are called "uredo spores," from "uro," to burn, owing to the rusty or burnt appearance of the leaves.

Poison Ivy.

The three leaved poison ivy that takes so many roadsides with its appearance, shy fellows, is harmless to some persons, but others cannot pass by a patch of it, much less touch it, without painful erysipelas like swelling and burning of the skin. A correspondent describes for ivy poisoning as follows: Zinc sulph. one dram; dilutol, acetate AA, one ounce; water, distilled, four or six ounces. Apply three or four times a day. Or tincture ferri chloridi, applied full strength is also very good. Always give a saline cathartic at the start.

New Patent Act in Britain.

By the patent act which recently passed the British Parliament and has already gone into effect, it becomes necessary for foreign holders of patents under British authority to work and operate works in Great Britain for the production of articles thus patented. Foreign patents under old act were protected against competition by their patent rights, but did not have to produce in the country which protected their patents.

Factory's Postal System.

Postal conditions in the interior of Turkey are still in a particular state of confusion. When a postman arrives in a village on foot-back, he distributes the letters in a public place, each his own and then perhaps the undelivered ones in the form of relatives or acquaintances of those to whom they are addressed. Yet it is said that 99 per cent reach their destination.

Man's Endless Guest.

As a great preacher once said: "Man is continually looking for the best inheritance of happiness, which the allegory of the Garden of Eden represents. He knows it exists for him somewhere, and he is ever inquiring, but long generally at the wrong door, in business, pleasure, education, lust, all sorts of places and we call his pursuit by many names, by a name, "Sin."

For Burning Feet.

If you are a sufferer from burning feet shed a generous bribe as any one can feel from soaking the feet in a good water in which washing soda has been dissolved. A tablespoonful to a bucket of water, is a good proportion.

The Safest Helm.

The best and safest helm for a man is a good wife. Give her a chance of a chance and she will steer you through. But don't call her a mother, as the sailors profane Solon. New York Press.

Alcohol Drunk in New York.

New York city people are consuming more alcoholic beverages than ever before, for the consumption is increasing more rapidly than the population. Each day the city drinks about 200,000 gallons.

Smallest Mammal.

The smallest of all animals are the shrews, nocturnal, mouse-like creatures that hunt for worms and insects in woods and meadows. An adult shrew bears for the mother and her little ones.

Patriotism.

A man's country is not a certain area of land, but it is a principle, and patriotism is loyalty to that principle. George William Curtis.

Evils to Be Rid Of.

The only real thing to do is to study how to rid life of lamentation and complaint.—Epictetus.

ESTIMATING OUR COAL SUPPLY.

At Present Rate Pennsylvania Fields Will Last 890 Years.

M. R. Campbell of the United States Geological Survey estimates the amount of coal originally in the anthracite fields of Pennsylvania at 21,000,000,000 short tons, and that in the bituminous fields at 1,132,574,000,000 short tons. It is said that by the methods of mining anthracite coal in former years, for every ton of coal mined and marketed 1 1-2 tons were either wasted or left in the ground as pillars for the protection of the workings, so that the actual yields of the beds was only about 40 per cent of the contents. This percentage of waste has now been materially reduced, but the extraction to the close of 1907 has probably amounted to about double the production, or 4,000,000,000 short tons. This would leave still in the ground approximately 17,000,000,000 short tons, which would be capable of yielding at the rate of one ton of coal for each ton mined, 8,500,000,000 tons, or approximately 190 times the amount of anthracite produced in 1907.

If we estimated for the bituminous production one ton of coal lost for every two tons mined, the exhaustion to the close of 1907 has been 2,760,000,000 tons, which would leave still in the ground in Pennsylvania a little less than 110,000,000,000 short tons of bituminous coal. The annual consumption and production of coal will no doubt continue to increase, but at the rate of production reached in 1907 the available supply in Pennsylvania would last about 890 years.—New York Evening Post.

Japan's Population.

The population of Japan to-day is just about 50,000,000. The exact figures for 1907 are not yet available, but the estimates just published are based on the average growth of the last thirty years and may be taken as fairly accurate. In each of the five year periods for which figures are shown, over the past twenty-five years, the population has increased roughly speaking, by 2,000,000. To-day the estimate is that there are 49,267,744 native born Japanese in the territory ruled over by the Mikado.

Machine Counts Money.

A machine that will count money has been produced by an Austrian inventor. The coins are thrown into a funnel at the top of the machine and slide downward, falling on a spiral track. This track has a raised border containing slits corresponding to the size of the various coins. As each coin slides on the track it passes through the slit corresponding to its denomination and dropped into a basket.

Children's Sleep.

As a general rule the lad at school between the ages of 12 and 16 requires nine to ten hours sleep. Growing lads need a large amount of sleep and when this is denied them, not only their bodies but their minds can develop properly. An English authority points out that this lack of hours of rest falls most heavily on the clever boys.

The Overfed Husband.

Prof. Carl von Noordon, addressing a number of prominent scientists at Vienna on the subject of "Food and Nourishment," declared that the reason so many men begin to get fat immediately after they have been married is because their wives give them their favorite dishes on every possible occasion.

Germany's Hunters.

Consul Ifft of Annaberg reports that 600,000 hunting permits are issued every year in Germany. The government receives in fees something like $1,500,000. The annual bag by the hunters is estimated at 50,000,000 pounds, having a market value of $6,500,000.

The Way to Man's Heart.

"It's all right to talk about art. But give me the woman who can take a piece of apple, some flour and a pudding pan and make a batch of pies that put a man in love with every his next door neighbor," says the Los Angeles Express.

Where Ivy is Beneficial.

Ivy growing over the walls of a house is a protection against rain in summer and warm in winter. It also keeps it well dry. It is, however, very destructive to woodwork, forcing the joints apart.

The Coldness of Suicide.

I always dress elaborately when I am contemplating a crime. Then at the time I feel cool in the place I commit it, for it is the thing the day.—Anna Dale in Scott, "The Greater Love."

Dangerous Employment.

On the subways or lines of New York city, including the elevated railroads, subway and surface lines, there is an average of 20 employes injured each day.

Somewhere.

A man may be an honest man, possible but somewhere in the world there is a woman who does not think so.

He Knew.

"Are you in pain, sir?" [illegible] asked the kind old [illegible] answered [illegible] me.—Indianapolis Sentinel.

CURE FOR HOMESICKNESS.

Dancing Put to Practical Use in French Military Camps.

Dancing was considered historically, philosophically and morally in a lecture before the International Academy of Choreographic Authors and Masters by M. Girandet, a high authority on the subject. He recommended the study of the department for getting on in the world, and spoke at length of "the influences of dancing on public affairs in the reign of Napoleon I." Capt. Cook, whose name, said the lecturer, figures prominently in the golden book of choreography, insisted on his sailors dancing an hour or two daily. "Thus preserving them in health and spirits," M. Girandet also related, with approval, that under the first French republic the government of the convention had provided for dancing lessons to be given in all its camps "to cure homesickness among the troops." The lecturer approved [illegible] of the new rule of etiquette, which, it appears, the last congress of dancers had drawn up, and which enables any man at a ball to dance with any girl without being introduced. The reform, said M. Girandet, has now been carried out, and has been received with joy by all concerned.

Misspelled Names of Places.

A name very difficult to find correctly spelled is that of the Lake Ontario port, Sacket Harbor. When it is not "Sackett's Harbor," or "Sackett Harbor," it is commonly "Sackets Harbor." Another one so frequently wrong is "Newburgh," the city of which name is in the town of "Newburg." This brings up the problem of "Pittsburg," which its citizens like so well to spell "Pittsburgh." Another puzzle is "Horseshoe Falls," which is on the Hoosic River, in Rensselaer County. The United States Geographical Board is the ultimate authority on the names of places in America.

On Mt. Etna.

The climates of all the climates of the world can be detected on the Etna. Around one, the temperate, with its belt of trees and orchards and the tropical at the base of the mountain, with its vineyards and luxuriant grows. The gray olive, with Lipari, Ferrari, A'rcadi, Stromboli, and Vulcano, with their smoking craters appear rather your feet and you look down upon the whole of Sicily as from a map.

Gifted Women.

[illegible] is not the [illegible] and men seldom learn to talk well when the [illegible] gifted women. Women are nothing in the [illegible] who cannot draw out the [illegible] of other women and a [illegible] more from the in[illegible] than [illegible] all the [illegible] of many college.

A Tutor in Time.

[illegible] the Lake [illegible] Rail Ways asked the conductor, [illegible] the train stopped at Point Station.

He replied: "Madam, we [illegible] 'Point Station' from two to two [illegible]"

She was [illegible] to be a [illegible] and said: "I wonder if he [illegible] the way he [illegible]"

Truth.

[illegible] truth is a fairy but [illegible] Truth is [illegible] I would not [illegible] the [illegible] of [illegible] of [illegible] of [illegible] and [illegible] that [illegible] Magazine.

Effect of a Soldier's Restored Voice.

When Howard Roberts of Tucson, Ariz., heard of the suicide of his brother at Fort [illegible] he was dumb for two years. He [illegible] temporary [illegible] There he learned to whisper and [illegible] has been cured.

Oil Fuel for Warships.

[illegible] the possibility of supplanting [illegible] by oil fuel. [illegible] Chronicle.

Cure of Bulldogs.

[illegible] Chronicle.

USES LIMESTONE FOR FUEL.

St. Louis Man Mixes It With Coal and Obtains Intense Heat.

Alexander Marshall of St. Louis is reported now he has solved an important problem that may greatly reduce the world's consumption of coal.

He claims to have discovered a method whereby the cost of coal by the use of limestone, in furnaces of any kind may be reduced to one-half. The limestone exists in sufficient quantities in the Piasa Bluffs along the Mississippi River to supply Africa with fuel for centuries to come. Marshall's scheme proves generally satisfactory.

"You see, I throw in plenty of coal to get a perfect fire in the furnace. The heavy black smoke from the stack begin to be transformed into a heat, air and carbonic acid gas resulting from the carbonate of lime. The heat was intense and in a few minutes seemed as if the engines of the boilers would melt.

"Coal alone never gave such a heat," remarked Mr. Marshall. "In my process I will have a testing apparatus to verify the amount of coal and thus the number of units in coal and limestone."

After the test the residue left was examined in the grate. There were no clinkers; the coal had evidently all been consumed.

"The residue makes a good fertilizer," Mr. Marshall said. "Of course the gases are not as good as the limestone before burning, for that contains forty per cent more of carbon. The advantage lies in the fact that we can actually be made of the coal. Left in the ground for a longer time, the burned limestone will have almost exactly the same effect as the pure limestone; that is, in increasing the acidity of the soil."

The Eternal Feminine.

"I'll tell you how I am saving money so that I can entertain my friends at dinner Maybe," said a New York stockbroker to her chum as they sauntered toward in the office elevator. "Whenever I am invited to dine out and do not care to pay in my own dinner, I put the amount I save in my bills from back. "However," she continued, with the particularly pleasant smile that romance provides a scratch, "that plan won't do you any good, will it dear, for you are never invited out, are you?"

Swiss School Wisdom.

Wherever the rustic hospitality prevails in Switzerland the schools are discussed. This is on the theory that after a certain point of culture has been reached by both teachers and pupils, the one cannot impart and the other absorb instruction that would be of any value, and so the time spent in attendance is wasted.

First "Dress suit" in Knaves.

The first dress suit that ever came to Knaves came with the "gold rush" down during the dry season of 1850. Some rich man in the east contributed it, having outgrown it, and a farmer named Perry, H. Kopkins township in Lake County, thought even in 1850 it was [illegible]. Akron Times.

Friendship.

A slender acquaintance with the world must convince every man that actions not words are the true criterion of the attachment of friends; and that the most liberal professions of good will are very far from being the surest pledges of it. George Washington.

What Birds Must.

"Tell you, said Stubb, "[illegible] getting so dee kind [illegible] "Mind what I say, [illegible] from [illegible] best friends to [illegible]." Philadelphia Press.

Rivers and Men.

Little rivers seem to bear the disagreeable quality and bring to mind that people in the world. The one of them to attention without compelling it. The quality is the same, [illegible] by their very presence and way of doing things. Henry Van Dyke.

Straight Business Offer.

An advertisement in an Everybody paper reads as follows: "Stolen a watch south side. If the thief will return it, I will be satisfied and [illegible] where he may steal one worth [illegible] and no questions asked."

Beyond Mans Realization.

Men make fun of women's hats, but even the wisest of them do not realize that the style change in the invisible clothes with which women [illegible] is often a case of the more apparent one.

Sweetness by the Ton.

Perfume manufacturers of Paris every year consume 1,000 tons of orange blossoms, 500 tons of roses, 1,000 tons of jasmine and 1,000 tons of violets.

City's Benefactors.

No greater good can befall a city than when several educated men, thinking on the same way as to what is most and [illegible] Dr. Gache.

In Moscow, Siberia, [illegible] China much use is made of Chinese brick tea, not as a beverage, but as a vegetable, boiled with rice and mutton.

LEARNING HOW TO BE FUNNY.

Schools and Newspapers That Cater to Would-Be Humorists.

Anyone wishing to achieve fame as a wit can be taught or coached, but he must go to Buda-Pest, Hungary, to undergo the treatment; for there, according to an advertisement in a London paper, "an experienced person has opened a school for all those who desire to perfect themselves in the art of being humorous; dry, intellectual humor being taught, as well as ordinary witticisms of daily life." The form of this is curiously reminiscent of what is probably the earliest specimen of a professedly comic paper in England, named Poor Robin's Intelligence, or News from City and Country, which made its appearance on July 8, 1691. To the reader of to-day it seems a dreary production, but its "advertisement" for contributions is noteworthy. "These are to give Notice to all Gentlemen, Ladies and others, that have any Ingenious Comical Relations, worth our Communicating to the World (provided they be exactly true), if they send them to our office, which we keep, at the Sign of the Vine, at the upper end of Aldersgate Street, they shall not fail of having them inserted in the Weekly Intelligences; but they must be sure to pay Postage other ways the Letters will not be taken in."

The editor at the very outset had a trouble with a contributor not unknown even now, for in his second number he had to announce that "If the Person who sent us the few lines from Epsom, will but send them written in a hand Legible to any Mortal besides himself, he shall not fail of having his Relation inserted." What that "Relation" was will never now be known.

World is Improving.

The world was never so truth-telling as it is to-day. Nothing like it ever existed in the past. The commercial life of the world compels truth as nothing has, nothing else can, for it is on its credit and truthfulness that the fabric of our great commerce rests. You may rest assured that there never was so much truth in the world as there is to-day, and there never was such a real care for our truths as there is to-day.—Rev. M. J. Savage.

Finest of Soaps.

If you want soap that will keep the skin as soft and healthy as the dressed hide of a chamois, make it at home. Five pounds of beef suet, five pounds of mutton suet, five pounds of chicken fat, two quarts of pure olive oil; render these with the proper quantity of lye and mould into oval forms. It is almost good enough to eat. But it is no cheap stuff.

Father Time No Exception.

"You are Father Time?" we asked of the venerable individual with the scythe and the hour-glass. "I am," he replied, bidding us to jog along beside him, as he could wait for no man. "And where is Mother Time?" we inquired. "Mother Time? I lost her several centuries ago. She told me she would be ready to go with me as soon as she got her hat on."

Englands Empire.

The area of the British Isles (England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland,) is 121,391 square miles; that of the British Empire is 11,433,282. In other words, Great Britain and Ireland comprise but one ninety-ninth part of the area of the British Empire.

Live With Others.

Life's best school is living with people. It is there we learn our best lessons. Someone says: "It is better to live with others even at the cost of considerable jarring and friction, than to live in undisturbed quiet alone."

That Sawing Motion.

"Some people do dislike work," remarked the Observer of Events and Things; "and yet it takes about the same number of motions to play one of Schubert's sonatas on the fiddle as it does to saw a cord of wood."—Yonkers Statesman.

Save the Soot.

A cheap way to keep house plants free from disease is to put a bag of soot into a pail of water, let the contents settle and use a very weak solution for watering plants. Soot is a valuable fungicide.

West Grows Independent.

The matter of securing funds to remove the crop no longer disturbs western bankers. To use an expression of one of the number, "The West no longer sneezes when Wall Street takes snuff."

Sticky Varnish.

Sticky varnish put on furniture by cheap workmen may be remedied by first oiling on shellac varnish and then follow with a coat of copal varnish.

Soldiers Live on Nuts.

The small soldier keeps himself in perfect fighting condition on a diet of nuts. He eats only twenty a day, but they are of a very nourishing kind.

An Undiscovered Genius.

The world has never learned the name of the genius who conceived the idea of spreading butter upon his bread.

WORLD'S OLDEST HEAD.

Dates Back to Earliest Babylonian Civilization, 4500 B. C.

In Bismya, which the archaeologists are now calling the oldest city in the world, the party of Americans under Dr. Edgar J. Banks unearthed some relics of the earliest Babylonian civilization, dating back to 4500 B. C. Among these are some pieces of statuary which show that the people of that ancient city had attained a wonderful high ability in the art of sculpture. They were Sumerians, a race that was not Semitic; they had round heads and shaved the hair from their faces. The heads of statues, dug from these ruins and the inscriptions on their pottery and seals make it possible to imagine what they looked like. The The people of Bismya also understood the art of inlaying, and Dr. Banks found at least one fine vase beautifully inlaid, which was discovered on the site of the Temple of Ishtar.

Fish Cannot Hear.

Much controversy has taken place on the question of sense of hearing in fish, and many experiments have been tried with a view to settling it. Some of the latest of these are those of which M. Marage have given an account in the Paris Comptes Rendus. The fish he experimented with were carp, tench, pike, eel and others, and the author finds no evidence of a sense of hearing. Sounds were transmitted into the water close to the fish with an energy capable of affecting deaf mutes. No effect was produced on the fish.—Forest and Stream.

Introductions.

Always present a man to a lady.

Always ask permission of the lady if you have time; if not use the form, "Mrs. Blank, may I present Mr. Dash?"

Always introduce a younger woman to an older one.

Always present a young girl to a distinguished older man.

In introducing two girls or ladies of equal age and station, it is informal to say, "Miss Blank, do you know Miss Dash?"

Conundrums.

Who is the center of gravity? The letter V.

Why ought meat to be only half cooked? Because what's done can not be helped.

Why is a school boy being flogged like your eye? Because he's a pupil under the lash.

Born at the same time as the world, destined to live as long as the world, and yet never live weeks old? The moon.

Naval Master-at-Arms.

A master-at-arms is a petty officer in the navy who forms one of the police of a ship. In the United States navy there are four grades of master-at-arms—a chief master-at-arms, and master-at-arms of the first, second and third class. Large vessels have one chief and several of the lower ratings. In [illegible] a first or second-class [illegible] is the chief of the staff.

A Topsy-Turvy World.

We find the world made to our hand. The wise men marry the foolish virgins, and the splendid virgins marry dolts, and matters in general are so mixed up that the choice lies between nice things about spoiled and vile things that are not so bad after all, and it is hard to tell sometimes, which you like best or which you hate the least.—Gail Hamilton.

In a Morocco Harem.

Every woman in the harem has her face decorated in the most curious manner. The practice is to pluck the eyebrows to the ears and to embellish the chin with little points of black paint. In contrast with the men their complexions are very fair, as they are shut within walls and are never exposed to the sun.

Have Pity on the Teacher.

If boys would only learn algebra, history and the rest as easy as they learn batting averages and the standing of the baseball clubs in line for the Herald trophies, how much easier the lot of the school teacher would be!—N. Y. Herald.

Devoutly to Be Wished.

A magazine writer says that every married woman should have an income of $5,000 a year. If more unmarried women had an income of that size there would be a heavier demand for wedding rings.—Washington Post.

Home-Made Umbrella Stand.

Take a good sized sewer pipe and enamel it to match the hall. Use a small granite pan as catch basin. This makes a useful and cheap umbrella stand.

Home Never Like That.

When the average American awakes in heaven he will be disappointed unless he finds an alarm clock and a cup of coffee.

New Wear for Poachers.

English poachers have adopted khaki for wear during business hours. They find it makes the evasion of watchful gamekeepers easier.

Museum as Scientist's Memorial.

Jena is to have a biological (phylogenetic) museum as a memorial of Prof. Haeckel.

THE PORTSMOUTH HERALD

AGENTS FOR HERALD

Rockingham Hotel, State St.
Moses Bros., Congress St.
B. M. Tilton, Market St.
News Stand, B. & M. station.
S. A. Preble, South St.
G. A. Norton, Greenland.
W. O. Hildreth, York Beach, Me.
J. L. Holland, York Village, Me.
H. M. Curtis, New Castle.
Batchelder's News Stand, Exeter
Wentworth House, New Castle.
W. C. Walker, Rye.
Fred Abrams, Kittery, Me.
Walker's Variety Store, Kittery, Me.
J. H. Macy, Kittery, Me.
Austin Googins, Kittery, Me.
Fred H. Marden, Kittery Point, Me.
Arthur Seawards, Kittery Point, Me.
W. F. Cousins, Ogunquit, Me.
H. G. Moulton, Wells Corner, Me.

THE WEATHER

The sun shines brightly again today, but the temperature has fallen. There is little wind but that little comes from the southwest.

The early morning temperature is variously reported at eight to eleven degrees above zero. At two o'clock this afternoon the mercury stood at thirty-two degrees in the shade.

CITY BRIEFS

Pearl necklaces at Shaw's.

The last day of the Grange.

Waterman fountain pens at Duncan's.

Business is reported good at the button factory.

But three drunks were in the police cell room last night.

Reliable watches at Duncan's, $5.00 to $100.00.

The A. A. Club is shortly to conduct a chafing dish party.

Have your shoes repaired at John Molt's, 34 Congress street.

All new films at the Smith Moving Pictures at Music Hall.

Five hundred grangers left town on the late trains Wednesday afternoon.

Last night's Herald was the newsiest local paper ever issued in Portsmouth.

When you get tired shopping, try a cup of Tea at Taylor's Tea Room, 16 Congress street.

There was a decided drop in the temperature on Wednesday afternoon and evening.

Christmas candies at Taylor's, 16 Congress street.

The news of the shortage in the Somersworth Bank caused a sensation in local banking circles.

Gifts for the Elks' Fair should be assigned to Chairman Andrew O. Caswell.

There were a hundred and fifteen of the Grange that had rooms at the Rockingham hotel.

The Herald carried more special advertising in its grange special than any other local paper.

Silk umbrellas at Duncan's, $2.50 to $10.00.

The money for mileage amounted to $2303 paid to the Boston and Maine today for transportation of State Grange members.

Tickets are out for the Elks' Monster Entertainment and Fair to be held April 20-21-23-24 and are finding ready sales.

The schools hold their annual Christmas exercises tomorrow. The Kindergarten in the forenoon and the other grades in the afternoon.

Delicious home made cake on sale at Taylor's, 16 Congress street.

Did you see all the news of the Herald on Wednesday that was not published in any other local paper. It's the same every day. Read the Herald and be convinced.

The State Grange officers claim that Portsmouth leads all cities in the state in the entertainment afforded the Grange. It was always hard work to beat Portsmouth.

Fancy packages candy at Taylor's 16 Congress street.

An accident to the machinery in the power station at Dover, caused the Dover branch of the Atlantic Shore Line to be shy of power yesterday afternoon and the cars were off time.

The decorations to be used for the Elks' Fair will be the finest ever seen in this city since the days of the P. A. C. Fair.

The arraignment of Fred M. Varney, the defaulting Somersworth bank cashier, will take place in the United States district court which sits at Portsmouth the third Friday in March next. Judge Edgar Aldrich of Littleton will probably preside.

Arthur B. Duncan, the jeweler, extends a cordial invitation to all Grangers to visit his store while in the city.

SENATORIAL RECOUNT

Stevens Versus Emery In Progress At Concord Today

A recount of votes is on today at Concord for the twenty-third senatorial district in which John F. Emery of Stratham, democrat, defeated Albert E. Stevens of Newmarket on the election held on Nov. 3d, as shown on the face of the return.

THE NAVY YARDS HERE AND AWAY

Marines on the Tramp Again

A battalion of United States marines made up from the guard of the Southery, Topeka and naval prison are out for another cross country tramp today in command of Major Henry Leonard. The battalion is comprised of three companies and were headed by a bugler and drummer.

They headed for Dover and expect to cover about fifteen miles each way, considering the skirmishing which will be indulged in along the line.

New Stagings for the Work

Orders have been received to construct hanging stagings for work on ships while in the dry dock basin, estimated to cost $500 or more.

Not in George Washington's Class

Membership has greatly increased in the Ananias club at the yard and the blue ribbon delegates continued to the department of yards and docks where the origination of the busy club is credited regardless of the records of old timers at the game in other quarters of the reservation.

Portsmouth Officer on the Board

Lieut. Commander A. B. Hoff, head of the department of equipment, has been selected as recorder of a board named by the navy department to inquire into the cause of the mishap to the U. S. S. Yankee. The board will meet on Monday next at Newport.

Figures Will be Less

The allowance for work in the construction and repair department for January will probably be much less than the figures of this month and it looks like a quiet spell in that department.

MASTERS, MATES AND PILOTS

Charter Petition for Piscataqua Harbor is Sent to Baltimore

The Piscataqua Harbor, No. 82, of Masters, Mates and Pilots, is a reality.

Capt. T. B. Hoyt on Wednesday forwarded the petition to the national secretary, C. L. Warwick, at Baltimore, Md., for the charter.

Among the charter members are T. B. Hoyt, Shirley H. Holt, Winifred L. Hall, D. L. Gilchrest, Edward J. Langley, Fred B. Langley, Frank H. Pratt, Edgar M. Frisbee, Thomas H. Abrams and William L. Locke, all licensed men.

The officers of the Grand Harbor will soon come here and institute the local harbor which will send a delegate to Washington at the meeting of the Grand Harbor on Jan. 18.

AN OLD BUILDING GONE

Water Works Department Dispose of the Old Foundry Structure

The old stable and store shed on the dock of the Portsmouth water works on Mechanic street has been sold by the water commissioners and removed.

Part of the structure was for years used as a foundry and was one of the city's landmarks. It is understood that the public landing in this vicinity will be enlarged and greatly improved.

MEMBERS OF GRANGE

Pass a Pleasant Evening at Music Hall

The best moving picture show ever given east of Boston will be presented at Music Hall tonight. Miss Barutio will sing.

PUTTING OUT REWARD

C. F. Hayes of Durham, a graduate of New Hampshire College, was here today where he posted rewards along the water front for the recovery of Carl Chase and John W. Davis, the students who are supposed to have lost their lives by drowning in Great Bay on Dec. 7.

YOUR XMAS LISTS

Should Embrace One or More of These Articles.

Pianos
Organs.
Aeolian Players.
Music Boxes.
Guitars.
Mandolins.
Banjos.
Violins.
Harmonicas.
Accordeons.
Drums.
Concertinas.
Flutes.
Fifes.
Piccolos.
Xylophones.
Tubephones.
Autoharps.
Violin Bows.
Violin Cases.
Music Stands.
Jews Harps, Strings, etc.
Sheet Music and Music Books.

Post Cards and Albums.
Photographic Sundries.
Pictures.
Picture Frames.
Photo Frames.
Pyrography Sets.
Basswood Articles.
Art Calendars.
Art Mirrors.
Framed Pictures.
Artists Materials.
Childrens Color Boxes
Childrens Painting Books.
Crayons.
China Colors.
Oil Colors.
Water Colors.
Kodaks.
Premo Cameras.
Kodak Films.
Velox Paper.
Photo Albums.
Card Mounts.
Xmas Cards.

All the above Goods in fine variety at

MONTGOMERY'S

OPPOSITE POST OFFICE

PERSONALS

Miss Alice Newton is a visitor in Boston today.

Mrs. D. J. Leahy is passing the day in Boston.

Mrs. Edward Pendergast is visiting relatives in Exeter.

Deputy Sheriff Robert Scott of Exeter was a visitor here last evening.

V. H. Metcalf of Concord was a visitor at the Herald office on Wednesday.

Miss Beatrice E. Hartford has arrived home from her studies at Bradford Academy.

Mr. and Mrs. George E. Nelson of Commercial street, Kittery, have returned from their visit in New York.

Miss Marion Bears of Winthrop, Mass., is spending the holidays with her aunt, Mrs. Robert J. Boyd of Lincoln avenue.

Harry Ridge, driver of steamer No. 3 at the central fire station, is enjoying a vacation and spare driver Thomas Stewart is filling the place during his absence.

Ralph Walker and Albert R. Junkins of the board of assessors are making a trip to several cities of the state on matters relative to the state tax commission in the interest of the city.

Miss Ruth Stickney of Boston, who recently gave so much pleasure by her violin playing at the concert of the Portsmouth Orchestral Club, will assist the choir of the North church in the Christmas music on Sunday, Dec. 27.

WORTH KNOWING

To remove Pimples, Blackheads, Blotches and all forms of Skin eruptions, is, according to a well known Physician, a very easy matter; he says that many are afflicted with some one of the above ailments, and are subject to a great deal of embarrassment on account of the unsightly appearance which they present, and recommends the following simple harmless and inexpensive treatment. Go to your Druggist and get this prescription filled: Clearola one-half ounce, Ether one ounce, Alcohol seven ounces, mix, shake well and apply to the parts affected night and morning, allowing it to remain on the skin at least ten minutes, then wipe off the powder from the skin. Use a soft cloth or sponge in applying the mixture and in from ten days to two weeks your face will be smooth and clear as a marriage bell. Get the Pure Clearola, which is only put up in one-half ounce packages. Ask to see it.

POLICE COURT

John Muchmore and John Dennis, the last named a Hampton visitor, were before His Honor today charged with drunkenness. Both were released with six months sentence suspended for Muchmore and the case of Dennis placed on file.

Cures baby's croup, Willie's daily cuts and bruises, mama's sore throat, grandma's lameness—Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil—the great household remedy.

TO HAVE LADIES' NIGHT

Portsmouth Catholic Union to Entertain on the Evening of Dec. 28

The Portsmouth Catholic Union will observe ladies' night on Monday evening, Dec. 28.

This is the first social function of its kind to be conducted by the new organization and it is safe to say it will be one of much pleasure and enjoyment.

The affair is given to members of the union only with their lady friends.

LOCAL DASHES

Ladies' Umbrellas at Shaw's.

Try the Herald job print for good work.

Portsmouth did her prettiest with the grangers.

The passenger station was jammed all day today.

Lockets and chains at Duncan's, $1.00 to $25.00.

Nice weather for skating but little ice to skate on.

Diamond cuff links, $5.00 to $25.00 at Duncan's, the jeweler.

Clear off some of the crosswalks, Mr. Street Commissioner.

Silver tea-spoons at Duncan's, the jewelers, $7.50 doz. upwards.

Where is the electric road man with his early robin story?

Moving Pictures at Music Hall afternoon and evening. Drop in.

The coal man is not making much of a hit so far this winter.

Goods purchased at Duncan's, the jeweler, are engraved free of charge.

Matters concerning Portsmouth will be prominent in the next session of legislature.

Candidates for the police force are said to be numerous with no job in sight at present.

The Maxwell Runabout to be given away at the Elks' Fair is expected to arrive about Feb. 1st.

The Piscataqua Congregational Club is in session today at the Whittier hotel in North Hampton.

Those desiring floor space at the Elks' Fair should consult Chairman John G. Sweetser.

Hope the mad dog scare won't reach Portsmouth. Three dogs were killed at Manchester on Wednesday.

Chairman Miskell of the Entertainment Committee Elks' Fair is busy these days booking attractions for his Vaudeville shows, which will be seen at the Fair April 20-21-22-23.

The York Bridge trouble is not dead by any means. The inhabitants are only waiting for the Maine courts to wake up and give some sort of a decision. From the present outlook the bridge will be moved away before the case is decided by the courts.

The Herald was ahead again yesterday as usual. It was the only Portsmouth paper to have the biggest news of the day from New England. The Herald's lead on this occasion is the more conspicuous, since the news was from a nearby city in New Hampshire where a bank cashier was found to be a defaulter for $85,000.

There was a twelve o'clock car to York Harbor on Wednesday night to accommodate the York members of the Warwick Club.

THRONGED BY BUYERS

The Remodeled Beane Store A Delight To All

Said George H. McCauley of the firm of N. H. Beane and Company to a Herald reporter this noon:

"I feel more than repaid for the trouble and inconvenience our firm has been put to during the alterations at our store, in the hearty words of praise showered upon us by visitors yesterday."

There was a regular stream of visitors pouring into the mammoth store all day and it was a treat for the eye to look at the handsome decorations and the artistically arranged show cases.

The out of town visitors found much to interest them and many carried away well filled packages.

The firm is now ready for the big Christmas trade.

FORMER RESIDENT DEAD

Mrs. Sarah M. Phipps, a former resident of this city, died at her home on Bulfinch street, Lynn, on Wednesday, aged sixty-three years. She had been a resident of Lynn for forty-five years.

She is survived by two sons, William F. and Ralph B. Phipps, one daughter, Mrs. Daisy Parks, two sisters, Mrs. Eliza Keene and Mrs. Elizabeth Adams and one brother, John W. Bartlett.

IN PUBLIC LIBRARY

A new and interesting book, the "Life of Mary Baker Eddy," (leader of the Christian Science church) by Sibyl Wilbur, has been added to the biographies in the public library. New Hampshire people especially are interested in the life of Mrs. Eddy, who is a native of this state.

The North Wind Doth Blow and We Shall Have Snow

What are you going to do then?

Let it snow, of course, but how about that

Coal and Wood

you'll need to keep yourself warm?

Hadn't you better give us your order?

'Phone 264.

C. E. WALKER & CO.

Cor. State & Water Sts.

We have lamps to burn. Just the thing for a Christmas Gift.

Portable Lamps from $2.69 to $10.00

Don't forget the price of Coke--reduced to $4.00 for a limited time only.

Portsmouth Gas Co.

13 Congress St.

BATH ROBES

Any man would appreciate a Bath Robe. There's a world of comfort in them.

He generally says however, "Oh well, I'll wait, some one will give me one for Christmas.

He'll think of the giver long after the Christmas season is passed.

HANDSOME BATH ROBES, at $3. to $10.

To complete the comfort of the home, see that he has a bath robe.

Men's And Boy's Outfitters

F. W. LYDSTON & CO.

Strictly Fresh Eggs

From Eliot, Kittery and York.

FULL LINE OF TEA!

38c Coffee 29c Pound

C. A. TOWLE,

40 CONGRESS STREET

TRY A CUP OF HOT COFFEE SERVED FREE EVERY SATURDAY

TAILORING

Winter Suitings and Overcoats

The latest in style and coloring

Exclusive Fabrics

Attractive Designs

Army and Navy Uniforms

CHARLES J. WOOD

5 PLEASANT STREET

TELEPHONE

Little drops of water

Little lumps of Coal,
Make the mighty power
That makes the engine roll.

We can furnish the Coal if you order right off now.

GRAY & PRIME,

TELEPHONE 23. 111 MARKET STREET.

What Is A Better

CHRISTMAS PRESENT

for Your Ladies and Misses Than a Nice Set of Furs?

We have just received a large assortment for the holiday trade and cordially invite your inspection.

American Cloak Company

14 Market St. Over Tilton's Fruit Store. Entrance 2 Ladd

SEASON OF 1908-9.

We wish to inform you and our many patrons that we have received our wall paper stuffs for the season. These comprise the latest designs of foreign and domestic manufacture, and your inspection, whether wishing to purchase or not, will be appreciated. Since established in the house painting and decorating business in Portsmouth we have used every effort in the interests of our customers. All work receives our prompt and careful attention and finished at the lowest possible figure. We shall be glad to call and furnish estimates on any work required.

GEORGE R. WOODS & CO.,

Painters and Decorators. Corner State and Pleasant Streets.

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